

CLIFF CLOSURES TO PROTECT NESTING PEREGRINE FALCONS

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Six cliff areas are currently closed to protect nesting peregrine falcons. Although peregrines were removed from the endangered species list, there are only about 38 nesting pairs in Vermont. Peregrines are vulnerable to human disturbance on or above a nesting cliff and the cliffs are closed to improve the odds for successful nesting.

We close the portions of the cliffs where the birds are nesting and the trails leading to those cliff areas. These areas will be closed from May to August, but if a falcon pair doesn't nest or if the nest is not successful, they will be reopened sooner.

Closure signs indicate which areas are off limits. The signs are posted at the trailhead or along the trail.

Thank you for your support in protecting peregrine nesting sites. You are helping to ensure that peregrines are part of Vermont's landscape.

CLIFF SITE	TOWN	DETAILS
Snake Mountain	Addison	Cliff top south of pond is closed – all other trails are open
Fairlee Palisades	Fairlee	Access to any part of the cliff is closed
Mount Horrid	Goshen	Open
Rattlesnake Point	Salisbury	Open
Bolton Notch	Bolton	Trail below cliff is open, but all access to cliff is closed
Deer Leap	Bristol	Access to any part of the cliff is closed
Nichols Ledge	Woodbury	Open
Smuggler's Notch	Cambridge	Roadside access to cliffs near on the Stowe side of the notch indicate closure area
Marshfield Mountain	Marshfield	Cliff access is closed