

Basic Rock Climbing Class

Southwest Outdoor Club

Tempe, Arizona

ARIZONA CLIMBING AREAS

The following is a list of various climbing areas in the State of Arizona, and what to expect from each:

1. Camelback Mountain: Early routes within the city of Phoenix. Many are protected by bolts, which may be 20 or more years old. Also includes bouldering opportunities. Rock quality varies. Includes sandstone and conglomerate. Best avoided in summer. Classics include The Monk, the Hart route, Pedrick's chimney, the Sewry Roof
2. The Superstitions (mountains, wilderness). Many climbing areas, although establishing new routes severely curtailed by the forest service moratorium/ban on placing and replacing artificial anchors.
3. Queen Creek. Above Superior and before Globe. Many established climbs, on limestone. Includes Devils Canyon and the area around Oak Flats Campground, as well as along Queen Creek. Hundreds of climbs, some traditional, many bolted.
4. Mount Lemon Highway. Climbing exists from bottom to top, as well as in the backcountry some distance from the road. Metamorphic Rock. Excellent quality with many difficult climbs.
5. Baboquivari mountain
6. Mt Eldon, basalt
7. The Pit, near Lake Mary
8. Mt Graham, granite
9. Paradise Forks. West of Flagstaff, difficult basalt cracks. Rappel down and climb back out.
10. The Overlook. Between Sedona and Flagstaff on Hwy 89A, just above Oak Creek Canyon. Basalt cracks, some restrictions forbidding climbing within view of non-climbers.
11. Eagle Tail Mountains, Court House Rock
12. San Tan Mountains, loose, not too many routes.
13. White Tank Mountains, some early climbs, some unprotectable
14. Granite Mountain, near Prescott. Granite, good clean FUN
15. Thumb Butte, near Prescott, basalt, loose.
16. Granite Dells, near Prescott. Weathered granite. Be careful of private property and access. Don't park where residents would object.