

# Basic Rock Climbing Class

Southwest Outdoor Club

Tempe, Arizona

## CLIMBING ETHICS AND STYLE

A view point on why people who live in glass houses should climb rocks before they throw them.

Ethics: *noun*: **a**: a set of moral principles or values **b**: a theory or system of moral values <the present-day materialistic *ethic*> **c**: *plural but singular or plural in construction* : the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group <professional *ethics*> **d** : a guiding philosophy.

The climbing environment - what are your responsibilities?

Be paternalistic/maternalistic

Don't screw it up for the rest of us!  
Use, don't abuse the public domain.  
Practice Self-Rescue

Know what is going on around you; you may be able to prevent someone else's screw ups.

But remember - some people won't listen and ...  
Nobody likes a smartass.

**Style**: *noun*:: **a**: a distinctive manner or custom of behaving or conducting oneself <the formal *style* of the court> <his *style* is abrasive>; also **a**: particular mode of living <in high *style*> **b**: a particular manner or technique by which something is done, created, or performed <a unique *style* of horseback riding> <the classical *style* of dance>

Rock Climbing  
Outdoor  
Lead Climbing

versus

Sport Climbing  
Indoor & Outdoor  
Top Roping

Aid Climbing = Using artificial means to climb  
Free Climbing = Using artificial means for protection  
Free Soloing = Climbing entirely by yourself

Protections Removable  
Chocks/nuts  
SLDCs

versus

Fixed  
Pitons  
Bolts