



DELAWARE STATE PARKS

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Climbing Regulations

- Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity which includes certain risks, including but not limited to the risk of serious injury or death.
- Rock climbing is allowed only in the area designated and signed for such use. Use the approach to the rock climbing area that is signed as "Rock Climbing Area".
- All climbers must have a climbing permit and climbing tag in their possession while climbing at Alapocas Run State Park Rock Climbing Area. Youth under age 18 must have adult supervision.
- Delaware State Parks has installed top rope anchors on the rock wall. Utilize the trail to the left of the rock wall to access the top rope anchors.
- Top rope climbing and rappelling are restricted to regular park hours and Division approved and installed anchors.
- The installation, adjustment, or maintenance of any fixed hardware not specifically authorized by the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation is prohibited. Call the park office phone number below if hardware problems are discovered.
- Parking located in the Delaware State Parks parking area on the opposite side of the river is currently closed. Please see the following page for alternative parking areas.
- Remember that all Delaware State Parks maintain a "Carry In, Carry Out" policy. Please do your part to keep our climbing resource a clean and safe place to climb.
- To obtain a free climbing permit bring a photo ID to the following location. Permits are available online. **Permits must be signed in the presence of an authorized park employee.**

Blue Ball Barn
1914 West Park Drive
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 577-1164

Open daily, 8 AM – 4 PM



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Public Climbing Parking Directions

Rose Garden Lot (1.0 mile walk to wall)

Google MAPS Address: Jasper Crane Rose Garden,
North Van Buren Street,
Wilmington, DE 19802

The parking lot is located next to the Jasper Crane Rose Garden, just underneath Interstate 95. From there, walk on the paved Northern Delaware Greenway Trail and head north toward Alapocas Run State Park. Continue on this pathway for about a mile. The climbing area will be on your right.

Blue Ball Barn Lot (1.5 mile walk to wall)

Google MAPS Address: Blue Ball Barn,
1914 West Park Drive,
Wilmington, DE 19803

This parking lot is located within an entrance-fee area of Alapocas Run State Park. Take the paved path that begins in front of the courtyard and turn right onto the Northern Delaware Greenway Trail. Continue south on the trail for about one and a half miles, turning right after crossing West Park Drive, and turning left when in sight of the Brandywine River. The climbing area will be on your left.