

ACC Toronto Bon Echo Code of Conduct 2026



To be read and signed by any ACC member or guest visiting the ACC Bon Echo hut.

ACC Toronto and Bon Echo Provincial Park have a Memorandum of Understanding that allows us the privilege to climb inside the Provincial Park. Please follow these rules at all times. Be mindful that the misconduct of just one person can jeopardize our relationship with the park and climbing access.

Climbing Rules

1. Helmets are mandatory.
2. No free-soloing, bouldering or any kind of un-roped climbing is allowed.
3. No rope-soloing.
4. Do not sling trees.
5. Rappelling is only permitted at designated sites or in case of emergency.
6. Our behaviour should be exemplary. Please refrain from offensive language or profanities.
7. Do not engage in any activities which a reasonable person would conclude would adversely impact the Club, the Park, the Park's officials or the general public.
8. No climbing whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs, prescription or otherwise.

In their jurisdiction, Park Wardens have the same authority as OPP officers. Be advised that if questioned by a park official it is important to respond in a truthful, timely, and forthright manner.

Hazard Management

1. Bon Echo climbing is alpine in nature. Expect loose rock, double-check all your holds and try to avoid anything unstable.
2. If a loose rock is unavoidable, attempt to move it aside rather than throwing it down, or carry it to the top in a backpack.
3. Make sure any shout of "Rock!" is as loud as possible. Sound travels poorly from the clifftop to the base, especially when the lake is choppy.
4. Consider pausing climbing while the tour boat and/or kayaks are directly beneath you.
5. Please report any rockfall incident or area of concern to the custodian, who will pass it on to the Bon Echo Chair for safety assessment.

Environmental and Cultural Stewardship

Rare and sensitive flora and fauna are present at Mazinaw Rock, and we ask that you respect these natural features and leave no trace. The area is also a sacred place for Indigenous peoples, and the pictographs are a fragile cultural feature which should not be touched.

1. Please do not litter. If possible, help by picking up what others have left behind.
2. Some routes are permanently closed due to the pictographs at their base or due to environmental reasons; route numbers are: 5, 42, 43, 53, 83, 84 and 89
3. Some routes may be closed in certain seasons due to peregrine falcon nesting; temporary closures will be posted at the Park and the ACC hut.

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