SANJAY GANDHI NATIONAL PARK
MUMBAI

SOPs and SAFETY GUIDELINES for ROCK-CLIMBING ACTIVITIES

Introduction: Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) division, Borivali is spread over an area of 104.44 sq. km and offers infinite opportunities for adventure enthusiasts. Adventure enthusiasts need to understand that adventure activities inside SGNP are privilege and not a right. The permission granted for adventure activities comes with some responsibilities which every individual needs to follow while doing adventure activities.

All adventure enthusiasts shall adhere to the following guidelines/regulations and follow safe/good practices. Anyone found breaking the regulations will be liable for penalty and/or barred from entry in future.

A) Regulations while entering the park

1) On the first visit, every climber has to submit onetime declarations in duplicate both from their respective organisation as well as in the individual capacity in prescribed formats. These declarations will be duly acknowledged by the SGNP authorities and the acknowledgement in either in form of a hard copy or digital copy should be carried by the climber for every subsequent visit and need to produce the same for verification on demand by SGNP authorities.
2) During every visit the climber has to enter the details of their visit such as their registration details, name, contact no., practice sites to be visited, time of entry and expected time of exit from SGNP in the register maintained at the main gate as well as at the practice sites. At the time of exit, exact time should be entered in the same register.
3) Follow all the regulations of SGNP. Pay for entry and climbing fees, store the daily/ seasonal pass and produce for verification on demand by SGNP authorities. The forest officials can fine and/or black list the defaulter.
4) Do not carry match box, lighter, cigarettes, beedis, alcohol or any other intoxication substances inside park.
5) Camping and cooking is strictly prohibited inside park.
6) Private vehicles are not allowed inside national park. Vehicles should be parked in parking area at the gate.
7) SGNP authorities can restrict entry even after paying for pass if found carrying any illegal substances.
8) Wear appropriate clothing suitable for the climate and footwear for approaching the climbing site.

B) Regulations while inside the park

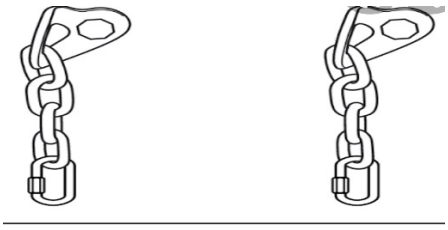
1) Entry inside SNGP premises between 08.30 am and 12.00 noon only. Exit has to be before the official closing time of the SGNP.
2) Use established trails only to reach the climbing area and do not loiter off-trails.
3) Do not climb routes which has bird/bee nest. It is their home and we are visitors.
4) Music is not allowed inside the park. Do not shout, give unwanted route information to motivate other climbers. Keep noise as low as possible. Keep cell phones on low ringing or silent mode.
5) Use toilets for nature's call. Do not go in the wild.
6) Do not occupy a route for whole day. Be kind to other climbers and allow others to climb.
7) Do not trim tree branches or do plantation without prior permission.
8) Do not make alterations on rocks to make holds for climbing.
9) Please insure minimum impact on environment during your visits.
10) Do not feed wildlife.

C. Safety norms for use of PPE

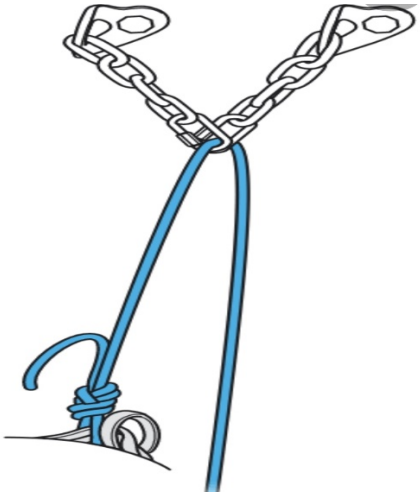
Climbing has inherent risk and any failure to follow the norms could lead to severe consequences. All climbers are expected to use PPE complying with **Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme aka** UIAA or European Norms aka EN standards and strictly follow the safety protocol mentioned below.

A) Top rope belaying

1) Do not use trees or boulders as anchors. Use only top anchor chains installed at the top of each route. Every route has a belay station installed consisting of 2 bolts of 12mm diameter and 105mm in length with individual chains.



Belay station installed on top of all routes.



- Appropriate use of belay stations for rappelling or lowering.
- Use locking carabiner on each chain and pass the rope through both carabiners to ensure redundancy.

2) Bolting new route or placing station anchors or adding new bolts on existing routes will be allowed only after approval from SGNP authorities. Strict actions will be taken if there is any attempt to place bolts without prior permission.