

17:59:29 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : Welcome!

18:11:07 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : Statement
<https://www.nhledges.org/projects-campaigns/>

Comment Form
<https://tinyurl.com/FriendsComment>

Thank you to the many climbers who have helped shape the initial winter practices statement and the gathering tonight, including:

Nick Aiello-Popeo
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Justin Guarino
Meg Hoffer
Mike Morin
Jon Nicolodi
Brian O'leary
Zac St. Jules
Jim Surette
Mark Synnott
Michael Wejchert
Freddie Wilkinson
Kurt Winkler

18:15:52 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : Sign up for Friends of the Ledges email list: <https://www.nhledges.org/get-involved/>

18:15:58 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : Indigenous New Hampshire Collaborative Collective: <https://indigenousoh.com/>

18:21:52 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : I love seeing all your faces - thank you all for being here!

18:23:34 From Bruce Franks to Everyone : Thanks a lot Sarah, I appreciate all the work you do and the work to get this event tonight working.

18:32:19 From Justin Preisendorfer to Everyone : Way to power your way through Bayard!

18:46:06 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : <https://rockanddice.com/opinion/style-matters-cryokinesis-and-the-new-ethics-in-new-hampshire-winter-climbing/>

18:50:48 From nickaiello to Everyone : Think past what I want to do at a moment?
How quaint.

18:53:14 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : But isn't one of the problems that you don't think you're doing any "real" damage when you head up on a piece of granite? One of the problems is that the impact is really tiny... but it adds up....

18:53:25 From Nick Hernandez to Everyone : the amount of spotlight we put on routes will play a significant role into the amount of traffic a route will see. There is a large number of voices giving insight and opinions now a days with social media and websites, centralizing and lending leadership to a governing body will help direct the message to the broader community.

18:53:31 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : It is about creating a new ethic. Think of the development of the ethics of clean climbing and bolts.

18:54:22 From nickaiello to Everyone : Sorry. I was being facetious

18:55:42 From Ben Carlson - Furnace Industries to Everyone : The climbing community is the enforcer.

18:55:43 From Justin Preisendorfer to Everyone : A discussion of ethics should be a part of every guided offering

18:56:55 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Mentorship, education, leadership of well known climbers, how climbs are presented in the climbing media. An Ethic or right practices need to be disseminated to the general climbing public. It requires some sort of community outreach vehicle.

18:57:23 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : @ben Carlson but ostracizing won't get us far in the long run

18:58:45 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : guidebooks need to state the new ethic.

18:59:10 From Ben Carlson - Furnace Industries to Everyone : don't need to ostracize, just educate. As in, people make mistakes, but enforcement would simply be a conversation about the mistake with other climbers.

18:59:42 From mattshove to Everyone : Cathedral has an identity crisis- it's not a sport climbing area and it's not a traditional climbing area despite the moods it has. Dry and mixed climbing here is just an extension of that identity crisis.

19:00:14 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Enforcing is the power of media and social media. That the whipping post!

19:01:02 From Ben Carlson - Furnace Industries to Everyone : @jamie c. totally agree

19:02:22 From jeff lea to Everyone : It's perhaps overly simplistic, but Scottish climbers used to restrict winter climbing of rock routes to having it "All White" and requiring crampons and ice tools to be possible.

19:02:32 From Ben Carlson - Furnace Industries to Everyone : @jamie c. guidebooks need to state the ethic, Mountain Project needs to state it, social media is a great place to state it. Manufacturers need to state it.

19:03:27 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Right on Ben Carlson.

19:03:58 From Majka Burhardt (she/her) to Everyone : agreed @Ben Carlson

19:04:51 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : But who decides 'the ethic'? I think it should be no winter climbing on rock climbs! That's not what my husband thinks ;)

19:06:10 From Ben Carlson - Furnace Industries to Everyone : that question, and not what exactly that ethic is, could prolly be posed to this panel?

19:06:58 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : I totally agree, Janet. It is equivalent to piton scars back in the day. It is no different. It is a visual and conservation issue.

19:08:08 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : The ethic is visual impact and conservation of the rock climbing resources.

19:10:29 From Michelle Santos to Everyone : Perhaps a new area that is not a developed rock climbing area should be sought out to satiate the climbers who wish to dry tool so that the Cathedral Cave will have much less or no traffic. There is plenty of chossy rock around the area that could fit the bill

19:15:15 From Nick Hernandez to Everyone : The reality at least from what I'm seeing nationally is that there is just too many new climbers entering the arena of climbing whether it is gym to crag or crag to ice. Mentorship is no longer a scalable means of handling the amount of new climbers entering. Creating a unified message sourced from an entity considered of credibility needs to be used to deliver the message across all the various sources of information people use now a days.

19:16:11 From Ben Carlson - Furnace Industries to Everyone : @nick H. Here here.

19:16:18 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Richey or some other prominent climber needs to write an article on what Mark is talking about. Like how Murder of the Impossible or the old Chinaurd article on free climbing ethic.

19:17:41 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : It all comes back to geology... ;)

19:17:47 From Nick Hernandez to Everyone : Understanding the Choke points of information of where these climbers are getting their info and creating these as catches to deliver the message is key, Gyms, Companies, guides and crag signage is going to be key.

19:19:05 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : I'd argue it's not newbs that are doing most of the damage though! And some guides are guiding the routes in question.

19:19:11 From APT User to Everyone : I would like to add that I think it is easy to view other classic routes on the cliff, the prow, women in love, liquid sky as easily "off limits" given their reputation. But it is easy to have that opinion change over time if not addressed or encroachments to existing rock climbs has not been viewed negatively

19:20:07 From Jim Surette to Everyone : Did you hear about the folks that were dry tooling Birds Nest this winter?

19:20:46 From Nick Hernandez to Everyone : @Janet W. its a fair point, a unified message from a mutual agreed upon governing body will help self policing begin to be enforced among the community.

19:22:57 From Ben Carlson - Furnace Industries to Everyone : @ janet W. I agree that it's probably not newbs causing the damage, but they are looking for leadership, and we need to identify the catch points in the new flow of climbing, from gym to ice, to get that message across.

19:23:38 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : @ben c totally agree

19:23:53 From Bruce Franks to Everyone : Preservation is local, if locals care many issues are stopped before the begin. This is a excellent forum keep at it the more you talk, the more the talk spreads and permeates others. The more we care and communicate the better the message of best practices. Legacy and mentor groups will help provide conducts for communication. You can talk thru lots of issues by talking. Make people feel welcome, make them included and recognized. Good words tonight.

19:24:04 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : The lowest common denominator is establishing an ethic. That then becomes a public relations campaign. Ethic, ethics, ethics. You can be so polite.

19:26:53 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : @jamie, I love that. So true

19:27:25 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : We're getting double larsoned!

19:27:48 From Justin Preisendorfer to Everyone : Important to acknowledge how the community has largely abstained from mixed climbing at Rumney. Some great mixed lines were done there in the cowboy days Bayard described but the potential for future damage called for a different approach. Routes weren't publicized and the Rumney Climbers Association has stated that mixed climbing is discouraged. Does it still happen? Sure but the community self polices and grace is extended to those who don't understand the local ethic.

19:28:01 From APT User to Everyone : His black and white image matches his age and hairline

19:28:13 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : #familygoals

19:28:39 From Dana Seaton to Everyone : lets keep off the hair line jokes

19:29:22 From Cheyenne Chaffee to Everyone : I totally agree with what is being said right now

19:29:40 From mattshove to Everyone : Steve Larson for the win.

19:35:36 From nate iannuccillo to Everyone : black magic

19:35:46 From Jim Surette to Everyone : black magic

19:36:00 From Dana Seaton to Everyone : ago is subjective

19:36:02 From Dana Seaton to Everyone : good

19:37:00 From SAMSUNG-SM-J327V to Everyone : black magic is the route bayard is trying to think of.

19:37:12 From Fredrick's iPhone to Everyone : remission & repentance are must do as rock climbs!

19:41:06 From Justin Preisendorfer to Everyone : Can we agree that sharps should not be used on established rock climbs unless they're primarily ice?

19:41:35 From Cameron McIntire to Everyone : Janet has a great perspective. We need to approach this primarily from a rock climbing perspective. Rocking climbing an ice route isn't going to harm the ice/mix route, but the reverse is not true.

19:43:44 From Jim Surette to Everyone : Great question Justin! I would be curious how this group would vote on that.

19:44:04 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : yes

19:44:32 From Justin Preisendorfer to Everyone : If yes we can work together to spread the word

19:45:48 From Jim Surette to Everyone : is there anyone that doesn't agree with Justin's comment that would want to respond?

19:47:23 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Friends of the Ledges needs to write a mission statement

19:48:00 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : Here is our official mission — happy to hear suggestions!

19:48:01 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : <https://www.nhledges.org/>

19:48:09 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : Friends of the Ledges is a volunteer organization dedicated to the stewardship of local climbing areas and to preserving the historical tradition of climbing in the eastern White Mountains of New Hampshire and Maine.

Goals:

Serve as a liaison between the climbing community and landowners/land managers, including the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Forest Service.

Preserve the unique character of the different climbing areas in this region (see Jerry Handren's North Conway Rock Climbs for definition of the focus area).
Maintain these climbing areas with minimal infrastructure and impact.
Convene community-wide conversations about climbing-related issues and concerns when needed.

19:49:27 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : A statement specific to mixed climbing, as discussed here. The consensus.

19:49:38 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : Thanks @Jamie

19:50:25 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Agree that accessions can be written into this, per Bayard.

19:50:35 From Jameson Phinney to Everyone : may be helpful to include that mission on mountain project as well

19:51:41 From jeff lea to Everyone : I think the key terms are “dry tooling”! To me that suggests an inadequate amount of ice to justify it.

19:54:00 From Cheyenne Chaffee to Everyone : that is exactly what I'm talking about Freddie

19:54:18 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Freddie needs to write article on mixed climbing ethics in all the paper and cyber spaces. We need a heavy hitter that is well known to get the ethic spoken to the public at large. Getting the word out is vital to enforcing this ethic. It's like a political campaign in a way!

19:54:45 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : Yeah, get on it Freddie!

19:54:46 From Nick Hernandez to Everyone : Are there are any crags currently that can be considered as more Drytooling focused instead of Rock by the general group or are they all intermingled? Creating a location for folks to go will help guide away some of this overlap and conflicts

19:55:01 From Jameson Phinney to Everyone : agreed that freddie would be a good ambassador

19:55:46 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : Murder of the Impossible!

19:56:27 From Jameson Phinney to Everyone : trolville?

19:56:57 From SAMSUNG-SM-J327V to Everyone : crickets

19:57:01 From Nick Hernandez to Everyone : creating and putting out content that will help guide folks to the right places

19:57:32 From Nick Hernandez to Everyone : and away from the ones you don't watch being "scratched up"

19:57:46 From Mark Richey to Everyone : Mica mine

19:57:53 From SAMSUNG-SM-J327V to Everyone : closed

19:58:32 From Majka Burhardt (she/her) to Everyone : good night all— thanks for all of everyones input, honesty, time and generosity. And thanks to FOTL for the hosting and idea!

19:59:51 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : See my comments above....

19:59:57 From Sarah Garlick to Everyone : I'm thinking that I really miss you all and I'm looking forward to seeing people in person again.

20:00:07 From SAMSUNG-SM-J327V to Everyone : Mike can you sing to us while its silent?

20:00:13 From Mark Richey to Everyone : I agree with Sarah,

20:00:27 From Mark Richey to Everyone : Great forum, Thanks all

20:00:30 From APT User to Everyone : My hope is to not come across as excluding mixed climbers from pursuing what they enjoy, but to reframe the conversation and recognize the change (or damage) it does cause to the rock routes. I am hopeful the mixed climbers find terrain that is interesting to them

20:00:36 From Ben Carlson to Everyone : I am walking away with a feeling that, after there is an agreed upon ethic for new dry tool routes, there needs to be an outlet for this information to be learned by new climbers.

20:00:48 From Dana Seaton to Everyone : Helping got spread the word about keeping the metal off the rock climbing on Cathedral and anywhere else applicable.

20:00:57 From Bruce Franks to Everyone : It was a great session, plan more. Open discussion fosters understanding of other perspectives and allows one to see what's on the other side of the street.

20:01:22 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : So appreciate the work of FOTL and the Access Fund among others.

20:01:25 From John Patrick to Everyone : My take away. Good work. Think FOTL board can take what they learned and begin some kind of educational program.

20:01:25 From Bruce Franks to Everyone : Thanks so much for including me and lets get over a hundred folks next one.

20:01:26 From Lovena to Everyone : I would love to try mixed climbing. Would like to see establish climbs/areas for mixed climbing, even for newbies.

20:01:30 From Ben Maxfield to Everyone : to be more open to ideas and hear feed back before making own climbing partner plans

20:01:45 From Bayard Russell to Everyone : Bruce, I really like your point. Thank you.

20:01:46 From Thomas Moulin to Everyone : sounds like everyone can agree that dry tooling is negativity impacting established rock routes. That's great. Seems like the new default ethic gathering steam is that established rock routes should be preserved as best we can.

20:01:56 From Chris Saulnier to Everyone : There was a lot of talk of mentoring and also crickets when people were asked for recommendations of where to climb. Even trollville has almost no beta online or in the guidebook. As someone who is not in the "in crowd" or a true local it's really hard to find any information or talk to

anyone about where to climb / what routes exist. I had to chase pictures on instagram until I met a few locals who could start to tip me off to places to climb.

20:02:31 From Janet Wilkinson (she/her) to Everyone : Yes @ Chris *transparency*

20:02:33 From Kristen Kaichen to Everyone : My take away as a new climber and new to the local area is to look for more opportunities like this one that will allow me to absorb and digest the ethics...also interesting to hear the perspectives on mentorship and how it is not as accessible for new climbers--what mentor/mentee opportunities are available for new climbers in this area? Networking opportunities for newbies?

20:02:56 From Jameson Phinney to Everyone : i agree with chris...info to get off the beaten track is hard to come by

20:02:58 From Justin Preisendorfer to Everyone : Need to coordinate on educational messaging even if it seems basic. The lack of mentors has created a void that we can address with agreed upon guidance for how to roll when in our hood.

20:03:05 From Chris Saulnier to Everyone : There is a lot of great mixed climbing that exists already - much of it not on established (or popular / well known) routes - but absolutely no way to find out about it beyond rumors.

20:03:29 From Peter Doucette to Everyone : Thanks to all involved. An important and timely conversation. Respecting the resource and the experiences of climbers present and future is at the center of it all. Wish I could have caught more of it...

20:03:29 From Ben Maxfield to Everyone : maybe log book about conditions and route report

20:04:06 From iPhone2077399358 to Everyone : Remember to do what we've always done, explore, study the tight contour lines on maps, go for a hike and look around.

20:04:18 From Cameron McIntire to Everyone : This has been great. Lots of grey area to hash out. Sounds like we want some agreed upon ethics. It would be great for FOTL to draft a roadmap/flowchart of "how to mixed climb", determining what's acceptable. It would be great to make these ethical decisions democratic. This forum has some great input, but should be noted that 50-70 people do represent the whole community.

20:04:41 From Cameron McIntire to Everyone : don't not do!

20:04:42 From Dana Seaton to Everyone : Cheers, thanks

20:05:14 From Seth Yurdin to Everyone : Thanks for putting this on!

20:05:22 From Lovena to Everyone : Thank you

20:05:35 From Jen Fentress to Everyone : Thanks so much. This was a great event.

20:05:35 From jamie Cunningham to Everyone : How can the recording be accessed?
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