Climbing Ranger Program Overview & Updates

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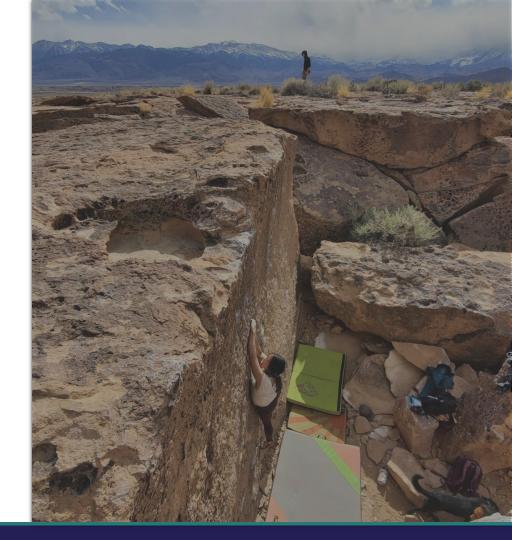
What is the Climbing Ranger Program?

- A public-private partnership
- Initiated by the **Bishop Area Climbers Coalition** (BACC) in 2019
- Administered by Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA)
- Enabled by many partners:
 - US Forest Service
 - BIM
 - LA Department of Water and Power
 - Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Friends of the Inyo
 - Access Fund
 - And many more...

Scope of Work

- Dispersed Camping Surveys
- Climbing Area Patrols
- Educational and community events (Climber's Coffee)
- Stewardship Projects
- Data Collection
- Partner education

What are we seeing out there?





























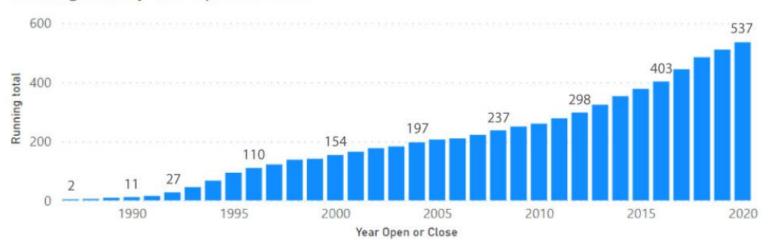






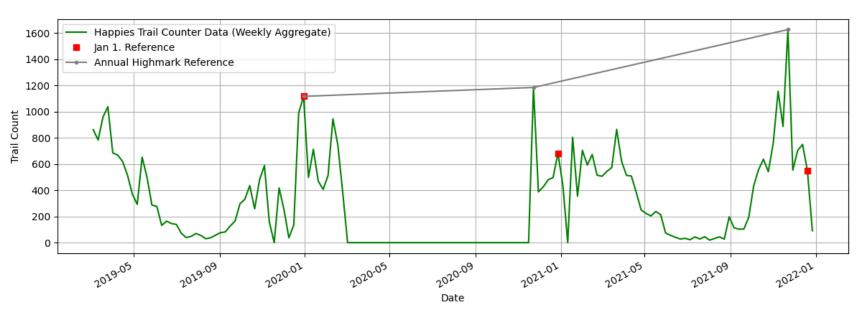
Net U.S. Climbing Gym Growth

Running total by Year Open or Close



* Climbing Business Journal -Climbing Gyms & Trends 2020

Happies Climbing Area Visitation Count. [03-04-2019 to 12-31-2021]



Buttermilk Country

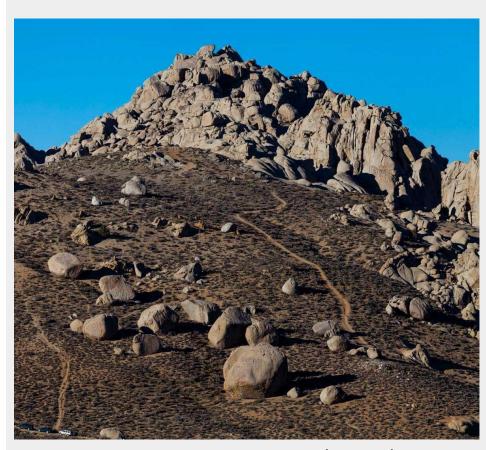


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"The Buttermilks, or Buttermilk Country, is a **well-known bouldering destination** near Bishop, California."

"Walking around The Buttermilks boulders, you quickly realize that many climbers have travelled for thousands of miles and from all corners of the earth to test themselves against the boulders here." "The scenic and awe-inspiring Buttermilk Country has long been **one of California's premier bouldering destinations** with a long history of ground-breaking ascents and some of the proudest, boldest, and most aesthetic lines in the world."

"One of the most diverse, renowned and accessible bouldering areas in the [country], the Buttermilks is a sprawling climbing area located about 8 miles west of Bishop..."

Buttermilk Road



Questions/Concerns about Buttermilk Road is a major topic of discuss for both **regional residents** and **visitors**.



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