

Mazamas Climb Prospectus

Peak: Rooster Rock	Route: South Face	Mazama Climb Grade: C
Elevation: 140 ft.	Mazama Climb # 13939	Leaders: Toby Contreras
Out of town: June 22, 2025	Summit: June 22, 2025	Christin Ritscher

When you get this prospectus:

- Contact the leader ASAP by return email to let them know that you received the prospectus and can open any email attachments.
- Advise the leader about any corrections or updates to your personal information and any health concerns.
- Email the leader immediately if you will need to cancel your spot on this climb.
- Forward a copy of this prospectus to someone in town (usually your emergency contact).

General information:

Rooster Rock is a 120-foot basalt monolith that is part of a landslide that originated from the large bowl between [Crown Point](#) and Chanticleer Point. The Bretz (Ice Age) Floods eroded away all the soft material from the landslide, and Rooster Rock and a few other rocky prominences in the area are all that remain. Rooster Rock is on the historic lands of the nations of the [Cowlitz](#), the [Cascades](#), the [Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians](#), and the [Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde](#).

Lewis and Clark camped near here on November 2nd, 1805. A small cannery operated in the cove just west of Rooster Rock in the late 19th/early 20th century. The pilings are still there.

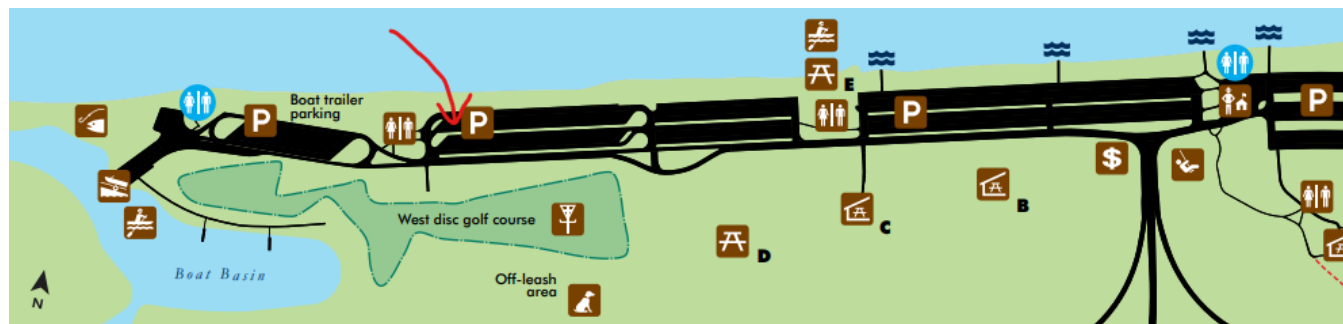
References:

- **Maps:** [USGS 7-minute series, Rooster Rock](#).
- **Weather:** [Windy.com](#); [NOAA](#); [MeteoBlue](#)

Meeting time and driving directions:

Carpooling is highly encouraged carpooling for safety and environmental reasons (and parking fees!). Please fill out this [spreadsheet](#) with your travel plans as soon as you are able.

We will meet just east of the restrooms by the boat ramp at [Rooster Rock State Park](#) (red arrow on image below), by 7:45 AM. Please arrive early enough to have your pack ready to begin walking to the crag at 8 AM.



Directions from Portland: Head east on I-84. Take Exit 25 to Rooster Rock State Park. After the kiosk, turn left and look for the second restroom building, past the group sites.

Roundtrip mileage from Portland is about 25 miles. If you choose to carpool, the Mazamas suggested gas contribution is \$0.10 cents per mile, or \$2.50 per person to a maximum of \$10 per car, payable to the driver. One way drive time from the MMC is approximately 30 minutes depending on traffic.

Permits / Fees (Trail, entrance, parking):

Rooster Rock State Park requires an entry pass for each car. Passes are \$10 for the day or \$30 for an annual pass (which is good for all State Park including Smith Rock!). You can purchase an annual pass ahead of time [HERE](#) or use the pay station at the entrance to the park.

Climbing Skills Required:

ROCK: rock climbing up to low 5th class, rappelling

KNOTS: Prussik, Figure 8 on a Bight, Autoblock Hitch, Girth Hitch, Triple Barrel Knot

If you haven't climbed for a while, you should review the [Alpine Rock Climbing](#) and [Rappelling](#) modules on [BCEP Basecamp](#).

Approach, climb, and descent:

The walk to the crag will be across and through a grassy field towards Highway 84. We'll be crossing a disc golf course though in the morning it's usually quiet. Be alert for ticks! At the base of the climb we'll get on gear/helmets and prepare the ropes. Feel free to bring water/bars with you on the climb, but typically we leave packs at the base.

The climb will be two pitches:

- Pitch 1 will be a vertical fixed line to an intermediate anchor. Climbers will use prussiks/lobster claw setup and pass through two pieces of protection.
- There will be a leader at the anchor to direct where to clip in and how to set up for the second pitch.
- Pitch 2 will be belayed from above using a recycled belay. Climbers will attach to approximately the middle of the rope using a figure 8 on a bight and two locking carabiners, opposite and opposed. At each piece of protection, the climber will unclip the piece from the rope above them and reclip the piece to the rope trailing down below them. At the summit anchor, the climber will attach to the anchor and then untie the rope, allowing it to be pulled back down for the next climber to tie in.
- Climbers will have the option to learn to belay the next climber from above off the anchor with a Grigri. This belay will be supervised by a leader.

Prior to the climb (in the parking lot) there will be a quick overview of how the climb will proceed (particularly for Pitch 2). The climb leaders will also have radio contact during the climb.

This is a fairly straightforward climb with a few exposed moves. Climbing shoes are not necessary but feel free to bring them along if you prefer (just be aware you might be wearing them up to 2-3 hours)

Once everyone is at the summit we will start to rappel. The plan is to set up two isolated strands of rope and each rappel on a single rope. This should speed up the process as one climber can rappel while the next sets up their system and does a BARK check. This will also lessen the rope drag from a full 50m rappel!

At the base we'll pack up and retrace our path back to the parking lot.

Climb Evaluation:

What did you think of your climb and the leader? An online evaluation form will be emailed to you after the climb. Your feedback is appreciated and helps us improve our climbs.

Mazamas Climb Regulations:

- In case of accident, illness, or other incapacity, a climber must pay for his/her own medical and/or evacuation expenses, whether or not he/she has specifically authorized them. Note that all Mazama members have rescue insurance.
- Pets, firearms, alcoholic beverages and radios (other than ham radio transmitters or weather radios) are not permitted on climbs or in base camps.
- No one will be permitted on the climb who has taken or used substances (including medication) which impairs performance or judgment.
- Climbers shall carry out everything they carry in.
- Climbers 17 years of age or under must furnish the climb leader with a written parental or guardian permission slip.
- Climbers 14 years of age or under must be accompanied on the climb by an adult responsible for them, who shall be required to remain with or descend with them. Neither the leader nor the assistant leader of any climb shall be the responsible adult for a climber 14 years of age or younger. If the "responsible adult" descends, all climbers for whom he/she is responsible shall be required to descend as well.

Cancellation:

The leader will monitor weather and the decision to cancel will be made in town on Saturday, May 24th no later than 6 PM. If you do not hear from the leader by this time, assume the climb is still on and meet at the location listed above. Be sure the leader has your correct phone number and email and check your messages and email often if the weather is questionable.

If you need to cancel, please be courteous to climbers on any waiting list and contact the leader at the earliest possible time.

Emergency Phone numbers:

If the party is late in returning from the mountain, concerned friends or relatives should first contact Christine Troy. If there is a problem, we will be in touch with her by cell phone. Contact: 503-318-3553. You can also call the Mazamas Mountaineering Center at 503-227-2345.

Please leave this numbers with someone responsible in town:

Mazamas Mountaineering Center Emergency Activation: 503-227-2345, ext. 3

Climb Team

Name	Role	Email	Phone	Emergency Contact	Emergency Contact Phone
Toby Contreras (he/him)	Leader	tobcon@msn.com	(503) 341-6757	Christine Troy	(503) 318-3553
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Zack Daar	Participant	daarzt01@gmail.com	(240) 215-7284	Calvin Wolf	(303) 862-1475
Julie Reed	Participant	elixir13@gmail.com	(808) 428-0591	Emily Reed	(951) 413-4887
Anthony Hayes	Participant	hayesaj12@gmail.com	(614) 266-4586	Hannah Hayes	(513) 546-4144
Beth Blackford	Participant	beth.blackfordpt@gmail.com	(360) 909-4636	Stephen Blackford	(217) 474-6048

Gear Checklist

Being packed and ready at the meeting time makes leaders happy!

x = required, o = optional, L = leader to provide

Clothing

☒ synthetic T-shirt
☒ synthetic pants or tights
☐ sun shirt
☒ synthetic jacket
☒ wind/water resistant jacket
☒ wind/water resistant jacket pants/bibs
☐ mittens or gloves
☒ thin liner gloves
☐ hat with visor or brim (for sun)
☐ nylon shorts

Food

☐ lunch
☒ snacks
☐ carbohydrate or Gatorade-type mix for water

Climbing Gear

☒ climbing harness
☒ rappel device and locking carabiner
☒ autoblock and locking carabiner
☒ Two (2) leashes (or slings) with locking carabiners
☒ Two (2) extra locking carabiners for top-rope climb
☒ Prussik cords (leg and waist)
☐ Climbing shoes
☐ Gloves (for rapelling)

10+ essentials

☒ whistle
☒ navigation (map and compass)
☒ sun protection (sunscreen, lip balm and sunglasses)
☒ headlamp/flashlight, with extra batteries
☒ extra food (i.e., Clif bars)
☒ extra clothing (extra layer, socks, gloves, hat)
☒ fire (matches/lighter/firestarter in waterproof container)
☒ emergency shelter (space blanket, bivy bag, large heavy duty garbage bag)
☒ repair kit and tools, including knife
☒ first aid kit (no medicines that make you drowsy/dizzy)

Other

☒ maps to trailhead
☐ electronics (cell phone / GPS)
☒ water bottle or bladder (at least one liter)
☐ trekking poles
☐ handkerchief / bandanna
☒ blue bags & toilet paper – pack out all solid waste
☐ clean clothes and comfy shoes for drive home
☐ post-climb snacks
☒ Insect repellent
☐ small summit pack
☐ Swimwear/towel for after climb dip
☐ Insect repellent with DEET

Group Gear

☐ L ropes (2) – 60m & 70m
☐ L trad rack (Tri-Cams, small cams, nuts)
☐ L cleaning tools (2)
☐ L Alpine Draws (12)
☐ L Anchor Material (2 sets)
☐ L Extra cordalette/haul strand
☐ L Radios (3)
☐ L Rope tarp

Provided by Leader