

12 Appendix B: Fixed Protection Application Form

Application for Placement of Fixed Protection at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

An application for the addition of fixed protection (FP) to a new route may be submitted freely. An application for the addition, removal, or other modification of FP to an existing route (a “retro”) may be submitted so long as that route is not designated a Historic Route.

Most climbing areas at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area (ERSNA) offer clean climbing opportunities protectable by removable slings, artificial chocks and camming devices. Clean climbing, having no permanent impact on the area’s natural resources, is encouraged and is generally unrestricted. The placement of any form of FP for climbing is controlled by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) through an application and approval process. Any placement of FP requires that the individual installing the FP have in their possession a TPWD approved application bearing their name.

Each application will be evaluated by the Central Texas Climbing Committee (CTCC) on a case-by-case basis, taking into account any specific resource impacts and other non-climbing concerns as well as the qualities of the application from a climbing perspective. CTCC approval of an application requires an affirmative vote from at least three (3) of the five (5) CTCC members. The CTCC may in some cases suggest modifications to an application to improve its viability, and may allow the applicant(s) to make such changes before a decision is made. Approved applications are valid for one year from the date of approval by TPWD. Placement of all approved bolts will be deemed completion of the application. If the specified approval period expires without the approved hardware being installed or if some but not all of the hardware has been installed, then a new application is required to complete the installation.

It is not practical to detail here the full extent of the processes involving application for FP. For further details on the placement of FP at ERSNA, please refer to Sections 7.2 thru 7.3 of the ERSNA Climbing Management Plan (CMP).

Applications are accepted in person by serving CTCC members (www.centraltexasclimbingcommittee.com), via email sent to the CTCC (centraltexascc@gmail.com), or at the following address:

Superintendent
Enchanted Rock State Natural Area
16710 Ranch Rd 965
Fredericksburg TX 78624

Application Rules

1. All application information must be completed or the application is subject to rejection.
2. Applications must be signed by all applicants. Only application signees will be eligible to install the applied for bolts and hardware.
3. Application must unambiguously identify the submitted route. Applications for routes or protection that cannot be precisely located will be rejected.
4. All FP must be a type approved by the CTCC: Standards are Powers 1/2" x 2 3/4" stainless steel 5 piece bolts or equivalent and stainless steel powder coated hangers to match rock color.
5. Application must be for one (1) route only. Variations of a route are each considered as their own route for this purpose.
6. An individual may only have two pending applications active at any given time.
7. Applications may be withdrawn in writing by the applicant at any time.

Applicant Information: Please print

Name:
Street Address:
City/State/Zip
Phone:
Email:

Route Information

Please include with this application topo(s), photos or other documentation to unambiguously identify the route and proposed fixed protection (FP) modifications.

- Indicate whether the FP in question is for addition to a new route, or addition to or removal from an existing route.
- If this is a new route, please indicate whether you have personally climbed the route in completion, climbed all the moves though not consecutively, climbed most but not all of the moves.
- If this is a retro, please indicate whether you have successfully top-roped only or successfully led the route.

Route Name:
Grade:
Dome/Area:
Specific Location:
Nearest Route:

Fixed Protection Details

For the addition of fixed protection, detail all types, sizes, color and sealant for all fixed protection. For removal of existing fixed protection, detail the sealant to be used. In both cases, be specific.

Please explain your experience locating and placing and/or removing FP for rock climbs. Also, provide information about the tools you plan to use.

Please explain why you feel this route should be modified in the manner applied for.

Signature

Date