



# Peregrine Falcons

- Peregrine Falcons are listed by the State of New York as an Endangered Species and we are legally obligated to protect their nesting areas at Mohonk Preserve.
- Each year we evaluate the potential closure areas based on several factors including nest locations, specific cliff features, rappel routes, bouldering access, or other areas likely to have human activity. This year's closures were also based on these criteria.
- Birds that nest in natural areas are less tolerant of humans, and are prone to aggressively attack people that they perceive as intruding on their territories.
- When birds experience intrusion, they are subject to several types of danger including direct injury. They also leave the nest, eggs, and/or young vulnerable to predators, scavengers, and inclement weather.
- Peregrine Falcons will aggressively defend a nest against a perceived intruder. This can be extremely dangerous for humans (especially climbers). **Humans who get close to Peregrine nests risk significant injury, especially to the head and face.**
- We will continue to evaluate the nest sites and have a strong and dedicated group of citizen scientist volunteers who monitor the nest sites almost daily to track the activity of the birds and the status of the breeding season.
- The Peregrine breeding season may possibly run through late summer.
- Due to the Peregrine's endangered status, the Preserve doesn't disclose information about nest locations or outcomes, but regardless of the outcomes, we are obligated to protect all nests on Preserve property.
- The Preserve has worked collaboratively with the climbing community for decades to help protect the Peregrine Falcons and appreciate their support of our conservation mission as they continue to enjoy the hundreds of unrestricted climbing routes available at Mohonk Preserve.

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