

SOAC part 4 - Climbing

It is rock climbing season again, although some of you may have sneaked in the odd rock route on the warmer “winter” days. Currently there are few of the agreements described in the Code. We share the rock with many plants and animals; most obviously nesting birds on sea cliffs and inland crags. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code gives general advice, and MCofS is currently working with bird interest groups so we can give you ever better advice about bird nesting areas. It is an offence to disturb a nest that is in use, whether this is intentional or recklessly. The definition of recklessness has had little test in court, but following the advice on the website at www.mcofs.org.uk/wildlife-issues.asp will help to avoid any misunderstandings. Please notify us of any birds nesting on climbing areas (whether or not they are on the website), so we can pass on up to date information to others.