



Climb Smart 2025

Event Information

November 21-23, 2025

Joshua Tree National Park, Indian Cove Group Campground

Registration Location/Hours:

- Registration & Check-In Location: Indian Cove Group Campground site #1 (NOT the family sites in the main campground loop).

Registration Hours:

Thursday, November 20	5pm -10pm
Friday, November 21	7am - 10pm
Saturday, November 22	7am - 4:30pm
	5pm – 8pm*

**Registration will move to the Amphitheater area for Saturday night continued registration and dinner only.*

- Registration available throughout the weekend: At the registration/check-in area at Indian Cove Group Campground site #1. If you arrive after 10 PM and registration is closed, please stop at registration and follow the Nighttime Registration Procedure (posted on signs). Then quietly set up your tent in your assigned camping area, being careful to leave space for others both in parking and in establishing your tent site. Please check in at registration again first thing in the morning (open at 7am).
- Late Arrival: If you arrive after 10pm any evening, please let us know (via text or [email](#) as above), stop at the registration area and pick up information that will be left for regarding the camping areas. You will then need to check-in the following morning after 7am to receive your complete registration packet.

Arrival, Camping and Parking

- CHECK-IN FIRST: You must check-in at registration at Indian Cove Group Campground Site #1 before camping or attending any clinics!
- On arrival:
 - Step 1: Please bring your ID and report to the registration tent at Group Campsite #1.
 - Step 2: Show your ID and digital Waiver/Event Agreement for your wristband, beverage and drawing/giveaway tickets, and event t-shirt. You MUST put the wristband on at this time. You will need the wristband for all event access, food and beer. We know that you will be climbing, and the wristband may tear off, but if this happens, just bring the wrist band back to the registration tent for a replacement. If you lose your wristband, you'll have to pay again!
 - There will also be a final map of clinic locations at the Registration/Check-In area.
 - Step 3: Proceed to your assigned camping area and choose a tent site. You can check out the vendor/sponsor village at the amphitheater that is around the corner from the group sites.
- ALL Participants are required to read and sign the [Voluntary Release, Waiver, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement](#). Sign [The Digital Waiver Here](#). To save time on site, please do this in advance.
- For Minors (under 18): Release Form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Participation is not allowed without a properly signed release. *Parent or Legal Guardian must remain present during event!*

Be Prepared!

- PARK ENTRY FEE is \$30 per car required to enter Joshua Tree National Park at every entrance - although at Indian Cove this rule is not regularly enforced. Check in at Group Site #1 upon arrival in Indian Cove Group Campgrounds.

- Weather Forecast in Joshua Tree for the weekend is sunny with daytime highs in the upper 60s and nighttime clear skies with lows in the high 30s. Winds are 3-10 mph. Sounds like perfect camping and climbing weather but be prepared for cold and cloudburst at any time.
- Cell Service is decent in the Indian Cove Campground area but may be spotty at the base of routes or in sections. There is no available WiFi. For emergency situations use 911, and for information and clarification call/text Kenji at 310-489-3281 or Janet at 858-442-3123.
- Alcohol Use: To ensure a safe and fun environment for all participants, alcohol use is expected to be moderate and respectful of others. No alcohol is allowed at any clinic site.

NEW! BEVERAGE and OPPORTUNITY DRAWING TICKETS MUST BE ARRANGED ONLINE. We are not permitted to sell tickets inside Park boundaries. Please order your Opportunity Drawing/VIP tickets ahead of time [RIGHT HERE](#). And, for beverage tickets please [go HERE](#).
LINKS TO PURCHASE COMING SOON. PLEASE RETURN!

Thanks for helping us comply with National Park regulations and contributing to more fun at the event, and your own personal swag pile too.

- Managed Toprope Climbing Requirement: ALL participants who want to belay at the Managed Toprope Climbing clinics are required to pass the Belay Skills Test. The Belay Skills tests will be held at the start of each Managed Toprope clinic or administered by guides of Climb Smart in the campgrounds before clinics start each day.

What to Bring:

Below are some helpful hints to ensure you have a great time during the event. If you registered with other people under your name, please forward this message to them.

- **Climbing Gear**: Bring personal gear if you have it! Harness, Belay Device/Locking Carabiner, Helmet, Shoes (demo shoes will be available. Limited other gear will be available to borrow)
REMINDER: HELMETS ARE REQUIRED at the base of any crag for all participatory clinics. NO one will be allowed to climb or belay in clinics without a helmet. (FOJT has loaner helmets if you don't have). Observational clinics do not require that you wear a helmet.
 - **Day pack** for carrying stuff to your clinic location- large enough for water, harness/shoes/chalk bag, snacks, and personal effects.
 - **Harness** (for all participatory clinics)
 - **Rock shoes**
 - **Belay device** (for all participatory clinics)
 - **Locking carabiner** (for all participatory clinics)
- **Footwear**: Sticky Rubber 'Approach' shoes are best, or light hiking shoes ***Closed-toe Shoes strongly recommended!*** (Avoid sandals)
- **Sun Protection**-Wide-brim hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm
- **Warm Hat** for cool, shaded areas and evenings (wool beanie)
- **Clothing**-Suitable for any weather- hot/sunny, cold/windy. **Layering systems** are best; elevations top 4000' in Indian Cove. Come prepared for variable weather. Days can be very warm, while nights can get quite chilly. At a minimum, you'll want a warm jacket, hat, gloves, an insulating layer, shoes to hike in, and comfortable climbing clothing for warm and cool conditions. Thermal underwear or clean, dry pajamas work well for sleeping in.
- **Camping Gear**- (If you're camping)
 - **Tent or Shelter**- Gusty winds means that you should bring long tent stakes and tie downs for your tent (and/or 25 lb+ corner weights). Lower unstuffed canopies to minimize liftoff potential.
 - **Sleeping System**- 20 degree Sleeping Bag, Insulated Pad, Ground sheet
 - **Headlamp/Flashlight or Lantern (plus batteries)**

- **Water-** Hot weather means you have to keep yourself more hydrated than usual – bring water bottles and an ample supply of drinking water (**2 qts/day per person minimum**). There is potable water available at the Indian Cove Ranger Station. There is no running water available in the campground.
- **Food** - Rule of Thumb for what to bring: Lunch starts when breakfast ends, and lunch ends when dinner starts. Keep energy high all day by munching regularly. You will need to provide breakfast, lunches and snacks. Friday and Saturday night dinners are included in your registration.
- **Kitchen equipment-** We are striving for near Zero Waste this time at Climb Smart. Individual Stoves and pots and pans if you plan on cooking (don't forget, Dinners are catered for Friday and Saturday night).
- **Personal Items-** Toothbrush/paste, brush, towel, medications, etc. There are no showers available at the campground. There are pit toilets located in the camping sites.
- **Leather Work Gloves-** For Park Service Work Project (and belaying for sensitive hands)
- **Camp Chair-** Portable, lightweight Crazy Creek or Helinox style is best for clinics and campsite.
- **Yoga Mat-** For those of you who signed up for Yoga, please bring your own yoga mat. Mornings in the desert can be cold. It is recommended that you bring sweatpants and shirt to wear over your yoga outfit until the sun comes up.

What NOT to bring:

- **No** dogs! Sorry, we are not able to allow dogs at any part of our event. There are boarding facilities available in the towns of Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms.
- **No** firearms
- **No** drugs or excessive alcohol use
- **No** drones
- **Zero Tolerance** for sexual harassment at the event.

Thank you for helping to keep this event safe and fun for all participants!

OTHER NOTES:

- Saturday and Sunday Breakfast will not be provided. We will have hot water, coffee and tea to offer for the morning. As a reminder, Lunch and snack foods are also your responsibility to have in your pack for daytime grazing.
- Vendors will have demo shoes available at the event...bring your ID.
- If you aren't well equipped for cold nights in a tent, consider staying in Twentynine Palms as there are many affordable and conveniently close lodging options. Visit <https://visit29.org/stay/> to check it out!