

Important Climbing Regulations
Alapocas Run State Park
1914 West Park Drive
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 577-1164

- Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity which includes certain risks, including but not limited to the risk of serious injury or death.
- Rock climbing is allowed only in the area designated and signed for such use. Use the approach to the rock climbing area that is signed as *Rock Climbing Area*.
- All climbers must have a climbing permit in their possession while climbing at Alapocas Run State Park Rock Climbing Area. Youth under age 18 must have adult supervision.
- Wilmington State Parks has installed top rope anchors on the rock wall. Utilize the trail to the left of the rock wall to access the top rope anchors.
- Top rope climbing and rappelling are restricted to regular park hours and to Division approved and installed anchors.
- The installation, adjustment, or maintenance of any fixed hardware not specifically authorized by the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation is prohibited. Contact park office (302 577-7020) if hardware problems are discovered.
- Parking for the rock climbing area is located in the Delaware State Parks parking area on the opposite side of the Brandywine River (*directions below*). Park inside the designated lot.
- Remember that all Delaware State Parks maintain a "Carry In, Carry Out" policy. Please do your part to keep our climbing resource a clean and safe place to climb.
- Print two copies of the [Rock-Climbing Permit](#) and bring them along with photo ID to one of the following locations. ***Permit must be signed in the presence of an authorized park employee.***

Wilmington State Parks Office
1021 W. 18th Street
Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 577-7020
Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Blue Ball Barn
1914 West Park Drive
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 577-1164
Open everyday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO BANCROFT MILLS PARKING LOT

1. From I-95 take Delaware Avenue Exit (#7) Rt. 52 North.
2. Follow Rt. 52 (Pennsylvania Ave.) west, and make a right onto Bancroft Pkwy.
3. Follow Bancroft Pkwy until it dead ends, then make a left onto Kentmere Pkwy.
4. Continue on Kentmere Pkwy past Delaware Art Museum. Kentmere Parkway bears right to Rockford Road.
5. Right on Rockford Rd.
6. Continue on Rockford Rd. past booth to the "Bancroft Mills Directory" sign.
7. Make a right onto the lower road after the "Bancroft Mills Directory" sign.
8. Continue through the condominium parking lot. Park in the Delaware State Parks lot behind the black chain link fence.
9. Access pedestrian bridge across the Brandywine between the Carriage House Condominiums and the old Bancroft Mills.

Or

1. Off I-95 South at Rt. 202 (Concord Pike), take right fork to head south on Rt. 202 towards Wilmington.
2. At the light by Kreston's Liquor Mart, make a right onto Broom Street.
3. Drive to end (about 9 blocks) and make a right onto 18th Street.
4. Left on Augustine Cut-Off.
5. Right at light onto Lovering Avenue.
6. Continue onto Kentmere Parkway and drive past Delaware Art Museum. Kentmere Parkway bears right to Rockford Road.
7. Right on Rockford Rd.
8. Continue on Rockford Rd. past booth just after the "Bancroft Mills Directory" sign.
9. Make a right onto the lower road after the "Bancroft Mills Directory" sign towards the upper level.
10. Continue through the condominium parking lot. Park in the Delaware State Parks lot behind the black chain link fence.
11. Access pedestrian bridge across the Brandywine between the Carriage House Condominiums and the old Bancroft Mills.