

# Yosemite Proposal

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## Goals

- Give BASE jumpers a legal path for jumping in the park on a regular basis
- Minimize impact to the environment
- Minimize chance of disruption to park operations

## Proposal

Yosemite amends its guidelines to allow BASE jumping throughout the year without a permit from sunrise to 10am. BASE Access will ensure that the jumping community respects this time rule. Additionally, we suggest the following rules in service of ensuring minimal impact to wildlife, minimizing the chance that jumpers distract park employees during peak park hours, and reducing accident risk:

## Proposed rules

- No jumping except from sunrise to 10am.
  - This ensures that if there is an incident it is not during peak park hours. The park is generally quiet before 9am and quite vibrant from 10am onwards.
- No jumping from El Cap during May-June and September-October to help alleviate congestion
- No jumping from Glacier Point.
  - Glacier Point has problems with tourists climbing the railing to stand on precarious ledges. It's possible tourists seeing jumpers might exacerbate that problem and create a safety hazard
  - It's the easiest access jump in the park. More likely to have accidents from this exit since there would be a higher volume of jumps+jumpers.
- No jumping from any exit near where peregrine falcons are nesting (roughly May-July)
  - BASE Access will ensure the BASE community has the latest updates on when jumping is forbidden vs allowed. And will provide explicit guidance on which exits are within a half mile.
- All jumpers should deploy their parachutes high enough to ensure at least a 20 second canopy ride.
- All jumpers are responsible for visually checking for clear airspace in their flight path before jumping. If necessary, jumpers are willing to call a number to confirm clear

airspace before each jump.

- BASE Access will relay and ensure the BASE jumping community respects ad hoc jumping restrictions for rescue operations, wildfire, emergencies, special events, etc.