

Climbing Happenings

Moab Cragging Classic - November 4-6, 2022

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Any self-respecting climber has Moab on their short list of places to climb. World-class climbing in one of the most beautiful places in the world!? It's no wonder that each fall the American Alpine Club (AAC) gathers 300+ climbers in Moab for the Craggin' Classic!

The Moab Craggin' Classic, powered by C.A.M.P., is the grassroots desert climbers fest! This November 4-6, the event will celebrate all things climbing. Climbers will rally to the desert to learn new skills, meet new climbing partners and pro-climbers, give back to the local crags, and celebrate Moab's awesome climbing community.



Craggin' Classics are 3-day climbing festivals that the AAC hosts in 7 destinations across the country. They are a celebration of all things climbing: community, learning, and giving back to the crag. We hope to create welcoming events

for brand new climbers, veteran climbers, and everyone hoping to partake in the great sport of climbing!

The AAC welcomes all levels of climbers, ages, races, gender identifications, and abilities to join us at the Craggin'



Classics! These events are all about community building. The goal of the American Alpine Club is to create and maintain a safe and diverse space.

You can up your game with climbing clinics taught by local climbing guides and pro climbers like Rob Pizem, Chelsea Rude, Marcus Garcia, and more. Covering a variety of topics, there are clinics for all skill levels.

What part of the Craggin' Classic do you like the most?

"My favorite part about Craggin' Classic is the opportunities it creates for people of any skill level, and any background to get into climbing and connect with other people in the climbing community. Whether you're a Moab local, a repeat seasonal van lifer, or a first timer. Moab Craggin Classics is a great way to meet others, expand your circle, and hone in your skills. And Pagan loves being a part of that experience. And supporting everyone along the way."

- Amy of Pagan Mountaineering

Besides helping folks become more skillful climbers, we also want to instill a responsibility to give back to the local crag. Thus, the AAC partners with Friends of Indian Creek and local conservation groups to host a stewardship project on Sunday of the event.



The Craggin' has everything from films and discussions to live music and dancing because evenings

How would you describe the event to someone attending for the first time?

"Moab Craggin' Classic is a local climbing fest with national sponsorship. It's a jam packed weekend full of community, affordable clinics, fun and games. If you have ever wanted to dip your toes in the climbing waters, or dive head first this is the weekend to do it. The clinics cover a range of topics from entry level to more advanced techniques, any skill you want to work on, you'll find a clinic at this event."

- Amy of Pagan Mountaineering



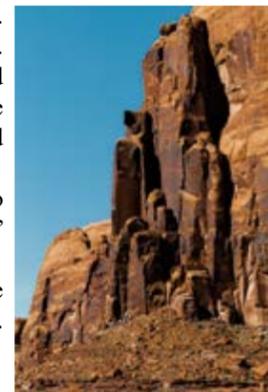
are for celebrating! Sip a cold beer from the Moab Brewery while also enjoying gear giveaways, a silent auction, gear demos, games, and high-fives a'plenty! Stroll around the vendor village where we'll have big brands like Adidas, Arc'teryx, La Sportiva, Rab, Rocky Talkie, Salewa, Scarpa, Sterling Ropes, and Wild Country.

The Moab Craggin' Classic offers scholarship opportunities to climbers who want to further their skills but are hindered by financial burdens. This year we awarded 5 scholarships, each worth almost \$500!

Moab locals, come join the magic of the Moab Craggin' Classic! We offer a discounted \$25 Moab Local's Ticket for Saturday. You can purchase the Local's Ticket at the Spanish Trail Arena the day of. For Grand County residents only. Not a local? No sweat. Weekend Passes are \$45 and include entrance, swag, beverages, and a darn good time!

So grab a buddy and rally to the desert for the Moab Craggin' Classic!

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