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Protect Bidwell Park Peregrine Falcons



Peregrine Falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) are a frequent sight at the Peregrine Point Trailhead and Disc Golf Course. Bidwell Park offers prime hunting and nesting habitat for Peregrine Falcons. Once on the brink of extinction, Peregrines are now more widespread because of the ban of the pesticide DDT and protection efforts thru the Endangered Species Act.

Peregrines are skillful hunters that can reach speeds of over **200 mph** as they dive from above to capture prey. A wide ranging bird, they are distributed on every continent except Antarctica. Pairs mate for life and tend to return to the same nesting site.

Peregrines can be tolerant of human activity. However, especially during nesting season, disturbances can cause nest failures and injury to young and adult falcons. The best place to observe the falcons is from across the creek on the upper Bidwell Road from Bear Hole to the Fish Ladder (Do not forget your binoculars!).

How you can help!

We ask for your cooperation near the cliff edges during the breeding and nesting season (**February – July**), please:

- Do not climb cliffs in this area during the breeding season.
- If you hear a Peregrine vocalize (typically is a loud "kack-kack-kack-kack"), please retreat away from the area.
- Keep your group to small numbers and avoid loud noises.
- Observe the seasonal placement of the disc golf course (the target at Hole 3 and tee pads for Hole 4).
- Please keep discs away from the cliff's edge and refrain from retrieving errant discs that drop over the cliff face.

Your cooperation will help keep these amazing predators and their young flying the skies of Bidwell Park, and will minimize potential restrictions to recreational activities.

For additional information or to report offenses, please call the Park Rangers at 530-896-7800.