

ROCK FEATURES

The technique of rock climbing differs according to the gradation of a rock face.

- **ANCHOR:** A rock or any firm object around which rope is looped for support or belay.
- **ARETE:** A knife edge rock ridge or spur.
- **BOLDER:** A large rock that can be climbed without ropes, typically in low-height situations, requiring more balance and strength.
- **BELAY:** A method of securing a climber to a rope, typically at a belay station, to provide safety during the climb.
- **BIVOUAC:** A temporary resting
- **CRACK:** A fissure or split in the rock that can be used as a handhold or foothold in climbing. Crack climbing involves using these cracks for upward movement.
- **Chimney:** A vertical cleft which accommodate human body.
- **CRAG:** A steep or rugged cliff, often used for rock climbing. Craggs are popular locations for practicing climbing skills.
- **CHOKE STONE:** A stone jammed in a crack
- **COL/PASS:** A depression between two adjacent hill or mountain.
- **CAIRN:** Piled up stone for making the way. Demarcation & direction of route.
- **CLIFF:** A high PARPENDUCALAR, rock face.
- **FACE:** A vertical or near-vertical rock surface. Climbers often refer to specific features like slabs or walls on the face.
- **FISSURE:** A HAIR line on the rock.
- **GULLY:** A gully in a mountain is a deep, wide fissure between two buttresses in a mountain face. Gullies are landforms created by running water or mass movement that erode into soil or other erodible material.
- **GENDARME:** Rock tower or tooth on a ridge.
- **KNOLL:** A small knob like hill.
- **MASSIF:** A group of mountains.
- **PITCH:** A section of a climbing route between two belay points, typically one rope-length (around 30-60 meters).
- **PINNACLE:** Isolated tower of Rock.
- **ROUTE:** The predefined path a climber follows to reach the summit. Routes are often graded based on difficulty.
- **SCREE:** Slope of Bolder & Loose stones on a hillside.
- **STANCE:** It is a place where a climber / Belay can stand or seat comfortably with his hands free.
- **TRAVERSE:** To cross a mountain slope Horizontally or Diagonally.
- **SOS:** Save Our Soul.