



Climbing History Project



This oral history project focuses on the history of rock climbing in Joshua Tree National Park from 1940 to present day. Sally Ness and Emilio Triguero from the Anthropology Department at UC Riverside worked with Bernadette Regan – the park’s Climbing Ranger and interviewed 19 climbers. The climbers had extensive experience

with the park’s climbing culture. They provided insights and information about the technical development and overall significance of climbing in the park. Members from recreational groups such as Stonemasters and Desert Rats, were also interviewed about their experiences in Joshua Tree Nation Park. Transcripts are available on the climbing oral history website.



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