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ANNOUNCEMENT

“The safety and satisfaction of climbers is a priority and a conscious responsibility of the Municipality of Kalymnos”

Kalymnos remains one of the most organized, reliable and as safe as possible climbing destinations internationally, with a long tradition in the responsible development of climbing

The Municipality of Kalymnos has already launched a program for the rebolding, inspection, correction, and restoration of routes and climbing areas, in accordance with international standards, with a budget of a great amount. As part of this effort, collaboration with specialized professionals in the field will take place, while cooperation will also be sought with relevant stakeholders involved in climbing activities on Kalymnos, as well as with the climbing community itself—always in a structured, *specifically aimed* and prudent manner.

While this program is ongoing, all individuals active in climbing areas are urged to exercise increased caution, stay informed, comply with guidelines, and prioritize personal safety above any climbing objective.

The **“Kalymnos Climbing Dept.”** (kalyclimbingdept@kalymnos.gr) of the **Municipality of Kalymnos** announces the following immediate measures and recommendations to climbers:

1. We strongly recommend avoiding the development of new climbing routes until further notice. Kalymnos already offers over 5,000 routes for all seasons and difficulty levels. The existence of these well-established routes ensures that climbing activity on the island can continue uninterrupted, with a wide range of safe options.

2. Temporary closure of specific climbing areas until the necessary inspections and interventions are completed. These areas are:

- **Agios Fotis**
- **Monastiri**
- **Austriaki**
- **Sympligades**
- **Spartakos**
- **Jurassic Park**
- **Galatiani**
- **Spilaio**
- **Maieftirio**
- **Ourania**

3. Strong recommendation for climbers to avoid non-maintained routes until further notice.

Maintained routes can be identified by the presence of chemical anchors (glue-ins) such as Raumer and Lappas titanium anchors, as well as expansion bolts of the same types.

4. Recommendation for thorough visual inspection of all anchor points before every climb. Any sign of wear, corrosion, or instability should be considered a reason to avoid the route. Any “suspicious” anchor or protection point should be reported to the “Kalymnos Climbing Dept.”

5. Acceleration of the ongoing maintenance program implemented by the Municipality of Kalymnos.

The Municipality of Kalymnos is committed to issuing further official announcements regarding additional measures for the overall management of climbing activities on the island.

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