

# David Alfrey

David Alfrey was born and raised in California but currently lives in Las Vegas. He learned to climb in the Sierra Nevada with his father but truly fell in love with the sport about 10 years ago while in college. He will always think of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada as a second home.

Despite his reputation as a 'big wall climber,' he prefers to think of himself as just a 'climber.' Whether it's aid climbing, free climbing, big mountains, alpine routes, or ice climbing, he just loves to go up.

His most notable National Park climbs include: 14 speed records on El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, Moonlight Buttress in Zion National Park (Grade V 5.12d) and La Visage to the Hallucinogen Wall in Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park (Grade VI A4 5.10).



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# Mike Gauthier

Mike Gauthier is the chief of staff for Yosemite National Park and has worked on climbing management and policy for much of his NPS career.

He started at Olympic National Park in 1985 as a ranger and has since worked at Mount Rainier, Denali, and in the Washington DC office. While at Mount Rainier, Mike led the climbing and search and rescue program.

He has summited Mount Rainier nearly 200 times and authored Mount Rainier: A Climbing Guide. Since 2009, Mike has worked in the US Senate and also for the Secretary of the Interior as Bevinetto Fellow.

Today, he lives and climbs in Yosemite Valley.



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# Maura Longden

Maura Longden is a former National Park Service climbing ranger and wilderness manager and has specialized in climbing management for more than 25 years. She assists NPS managers and climbing rangers with climbing management planning, best practices, impact mitigation and education.

She has “rangered” in more than a dozen National Parks including Rocky Mountain, Yosemite, Sequoia, Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Joshua Tree, City of Rocks, and Glacier. Maura also works as a technical rescue instructor and as an avalanche professional.

Her home and basecamp is Moose, Wyoming in Grand Teton National Park.



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# Eric Murdock

Erik Murdock is the Policy Director at the Access Fund. An avid, well-traveled climber for over two decades, Erik has a MS in Geology and a PhD in Natural Resource Studies with a minor in Environmental Psychology.

He has worked for the University of Arizona, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the USDA Forest Service and the National Park Service. While working at Joshua Tree National Park, Erik completed a 3-year quantitative and qualitative study on fixed anchors in wilderness.

His other research projects have focused on wilderness management, recreation policy, and visitor flow modeling using Geographic Information Systems. Erik, along with his wife and 4 year old daughter, temporarily resides in Washington DC where he is a weekend warrior who dreams of moving back to Arizona.



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# Libby Sauter

Libby Sauter was born and raised in the City of Sin, Las Vegas- her biggest sin was not really taking advantage of living so close to Red Rock! She started gym climbing in middle school but it only lasted a year or so. It wasn't until she moved to San Francisco for work after college that her climbing life really began.

She considers Yosemite National Park her home. In that park alone, she has the speed record on Lurking Fear, the female speed record on The Nose, and has done two El Capitan routes in one day.

In addition to climbing, Libby practices nursing with the Global Cardiac Alliance in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She helps bring heart surgery to where it's needed most.



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