

Rock Painting & Sidewalk Chalking

Definitions:

- **Artwork:** Graphics promoting, advertising, or celebrating club events or activities.
- **Art Concept:** A written description or sketch of the proposed artwork.
- **Reservable Space:**
 - **Painted Rocks:** Designated rocks on campus that can be reserved by student clubs and organizations to be painted.
 - **Chalking Locations:** Designated locations on campus that can be reserved by student clubs and organizations to be chalked.

Rationale:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for reserving paintable rocks and chalking locations on campus for recognized clubs and organizations within student affairs. The policy is designed to promote creativity and school spirit while protecting campus property and maintaining a welcoming environment for all community members.

Painted rocks and chalk artwork that do not comply with these guidelines are not permitted. The sponsoring individual/organization will be notified, and Facilities Management will remove the unapproved artwork.

Although RIT Student Affairs approves the reservation of painted rocks and chalking locations, they do not endorse the content of the artwork.

Eligible Participants:

Rock painting and chalking are permitted by RIT recognized student clubs and organizations. RIT department requests may be permitted with approval from the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee. All participants must follow the guidelines outlined in this document to reserve a painted rock or chalking location.

Reservation Process:

- **Reservation Request:**
 - All requests to reserve a painted rock or chalking location must be submitted through reserve.rit.edu (EMS) at least 5 business days before the intended reservation date. Reservations must be submitted by approved students via the [Student Organization Event Management Access Process](#).
 - Requests will be reviewed and approved by the applicable Student Affairs department.
 - Reservations are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Approval Notification:**
 - Once the reservation is approved, the requesting party will receive an email confirmation.
- **Timeline:**
 - Reservations must be submitted at least five (5) days in advance and each reservation may last a maximum of five (5) days in length.
- **Removal:**

- It is the responsibility of the student club or organization to repaint their rock at the end of their reservation.
- Rocks must be repainted with white or grey spray paint. Failure to do so may result in losing the privilege to reserve rock or chalking locations in the future.

Design Guidelines:

- **Content Restrictions:**
 - Artwork must comply with all university policies and be approved through the [Student Organization Design Approval Process](#).
- **Approved Materials:**
 - **Rock Painting:** Only spray paint may be used.
 - Spray paint cannot be stored in any residential space or in any club storage on campus.
 - Spray paint must be disposed of in the appropriate manner. Spray paint canisters can only be disposed of in the Campus Center lobby in the specified receptacle.
 - **Chalk Artwork:** Only water-soluble chalk may be used. No spray chalk is permitted. If chalk is washed away by weather during the approved reservation time, the student organization may rechalk the approved design.
 - Artwork may not be sprayed or coated by any other substance in order to preserve artwork (i.e. paint, varnish, hairspray, enamel).
- Only spray paint (for rocks) and water-soluble chalk (for chalking) are permitted. No latex paint, spray chalk, or other substances allowed.

Restrictions:

- **Rock Painting:**
 - Only designated "paintable" rocks are permitted for painting.
 - Only designated chalking zones are permitted for chalking.
 - The ground surrounding these rocks, adjacent walkways, and other non-designated rocks must not be painted or damaged.
 - The vandalism of all other rocks not designated "paintable" on campus is not permitted.
 - The vandalism of an already approved rock is not permitted.
 - Painting or chalking in non-designated locations or organic surfaces is considered vandalism and will result in removal by Facilities Management Services.
- **Chalking:**
 - No chalk is permitted on vertical surfaces, building exteriors, brick walls, dry wall, next to statues, artwork, tables, trees or other organic surfaces, or immediately west Monroe Hall.
 - No chalk is permitted on the ground or walls in the covered area between the Clark Gym and the Campus Center.
- **Non-Compliance:**
 - Any individual or group found in violation of this policy may face disciplinary actions, including the loss of rock painting and chalking privileges, and financial responsibility for any damage or cleanup required.

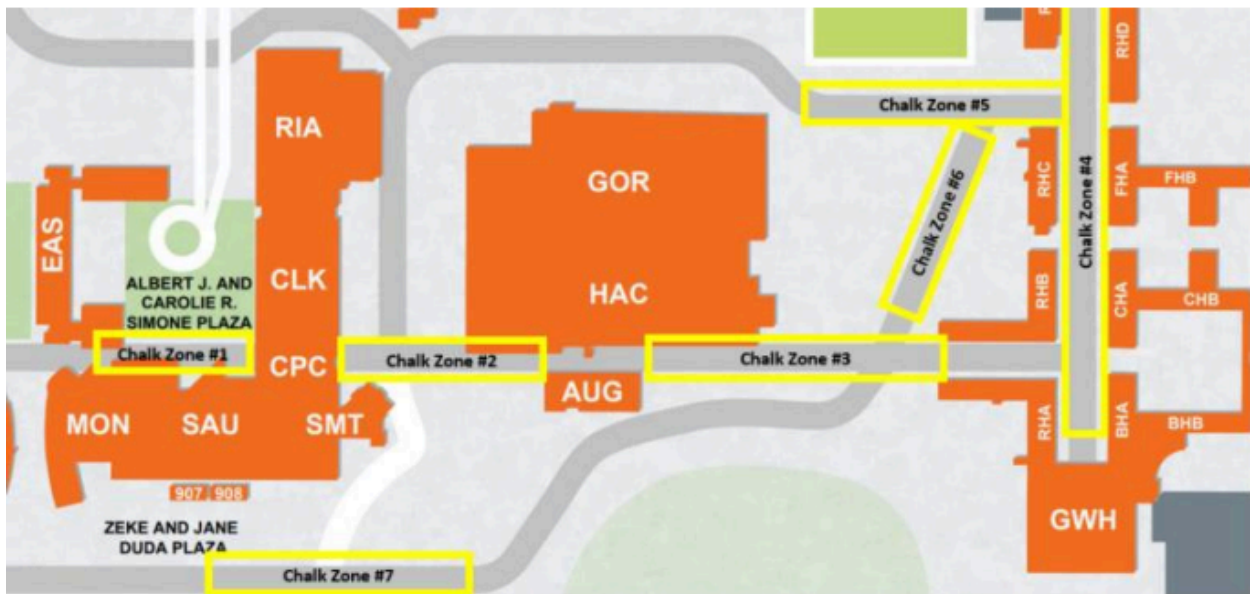
Reservable Areas:

- **Approved Rocks:**
 - Rock Painting - Quarter Mile Rock (Greek Rock)
 - Rock Painting - Res Hall A Rock
 - Rock Painting - Greek Lawn North Rock
 - Rock Painting - Greek Lawn South Rock



- **Chalking Locations:**

- Chalk Zone #1 - SAU/Sentinel Plaza.
- Chalk Zone #2 - Quarter Mile Bridge.
- Chalk Zone #3 - Quarter Mile from SLC to Sundial Quad.
- Chalk Zone #4- Walkway from Grace Watson to Rosica Hall.
- Chalk Zone #5 - Fieldhouse Way.
- Chalk Zone #6 - Greek Lawn Walkway.
- Chalk Zone #7 - Walkway from under the Quarter Mile bridge to Duda Plaza.



Non-Compliance:

- **Violation Consequences:**

- Any artwork found on non-designated locations as outlined in this policy or organic surfaces is considered vandalism of RIT property.

- Unauthorized painting or failure to adhere to the approved design may result in immediate removal of the painting by Facilities Management Services.
- Any individual or group found in violation of this policy may face disciplinary actions, including the loss of rock painting, chalk privileges, and financial responsibility for any damage or cleanup required.
- **Reporting Issues:**
 - Any concerns or issues regarding rock painting or chalking should be reported to studentevents@rit.edu or directly to Public Safety.

This policy is subject to change based on evolving campus needs and policies. RIT Student Affairs will provide updates as necessary.