

Student Affairs Rock Painting and Chalk Process

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 chalk
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A. Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for painting rocks and chalking locations on campus. 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 painting of rocks and chalking locations, they do not endorse the content of the artwork.

B. 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.

Approval Process

C. Training

Student clubs and organizations interested in obtaining approval to paint rocks or chalk walkways must review the Rock Painting and Chalking policy and then complete the [Student Club and Organization Rock Painting and Chalking Agreement](#). This ensures that student organizations are knowledgeable about RIT policy and procedures before painting or chalking approved areas. It is recommended that multiple members from each organization complete the training annually. Student clubs and organizations that would like to also be able to reserve rocks or chalking areas must also complete the Student Club and Organization Event Management Certification to obtain access to reserve.rit.edu.

D. Rock Painting and Chalking Process:

- **Spontaneous painting and chalking:**

- Student clubs and organizations that have completed the required agreement and have been approved may spontaneously paint or chalk approved rocks and walkways.
- Rocks/walkways cannot be painted/chalked if there is a reservation sign in place.
- It is required that at least one student organization member who has signed the agreement must be present while painting or chalking.
- The design of the rock painting or chalking must include some sort of indication of what student organization completed the work. A logo, name, or acronym must be displayed in the artwork so that it can be identified.
- After completion of the painting, the said student organization must submit a picture of the rock(s)/walkways to the [Student Club & Organization Rock Painting and Chalking Form](#). This will allow for documentation of the painting/chalking. If this is not submitted, the painting and chalking will be considered a violation of this policy and could result in consequences for the student organization.
- **Painting and Chalking Reservations:**
 - Student clubs or organizations that would like to reserve a rock to be painted to ensure that they have access to paint the rock or chalk the area for a specific date may reserve the location ahead of time.
 - Student clubs or organizations may make a rock painting reservation once per semester, and reservations may not last any longer than 5 consecutive days.
 - All requests to reserve a painted rock or chalking location must be submitted through reserve.rit.edu (EMS) at least 4 business days before the intended reservation date.
 - Reservations must be submitted by approved students via the Student Organization Event Management Access Process.
 - Proposed Artwork must be submitted to the [Student Club & Organization Rock Painting and Chalking Form](#) at the same time of the reservation for review.
 - Once the artwork and reservation are approved, the requested party will receive an email confirmation.
 - Reservations are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Once the reservation is approved, a sign will be put in place to indicate the reservation on the rock or walkway the day before the first day of the reservation.

D. Design Guidelines:

- **Content Restrictions:**
 - Rock and chalking artwork must comply with [all university policies](#). Content that is discriminatory, offensive, or in violation of university policies will not be approved and will be removed if found on rocks.
- **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 re-chalk the approved design.
 - Artwork may not be sprayed or coated by any other substance to preserve artwork (i.e. paint, varnish, hairspray, enamel).

E. Restrictions

• Rock Painting:

- Only designated "paintable" rocks are permitted for painting.
- 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.

Chalking

- Only designated chalking zones are permitted for chalking.
- No chalk is permitted on vertical surfaces, building exteriors, brick walls, dry walls, next to statues, artwork, tables, trees or other organic surfaces.
- No chalk is permitted on the ground or walls in the covered area between the Clark Gym and the Campus Center.

E. Approved Areas:

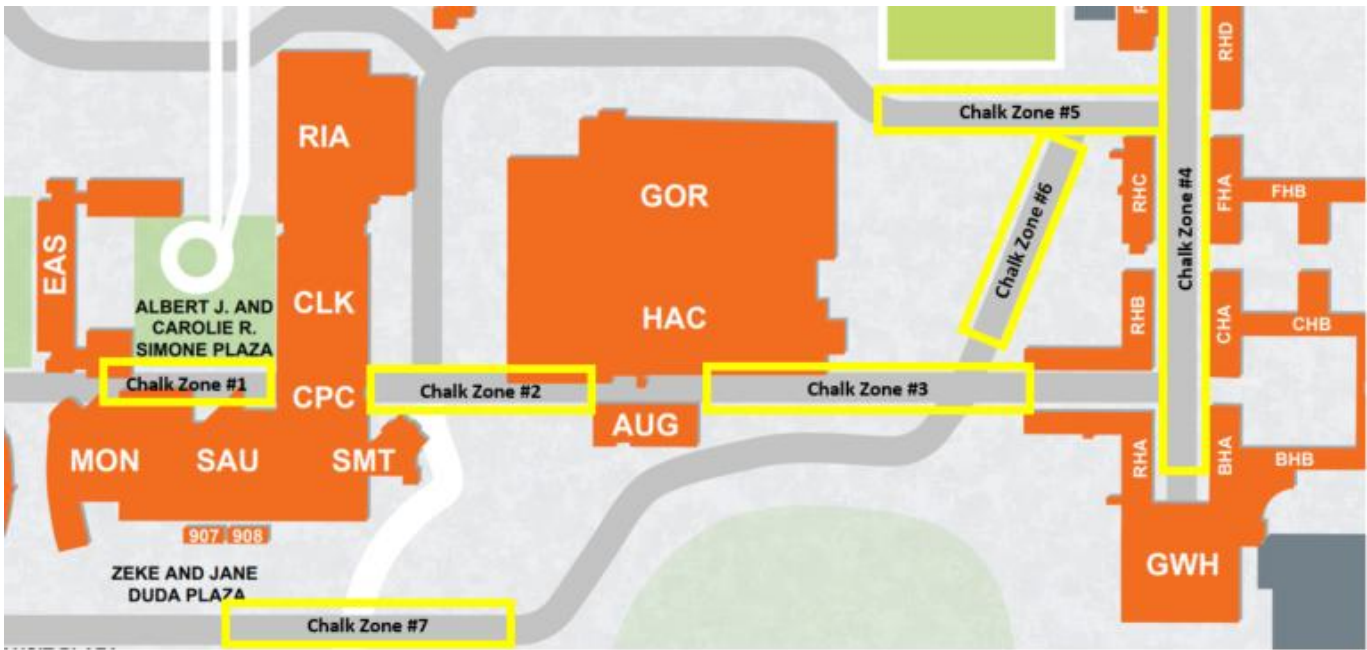
• Rocks Painting Locations

- Quarter Mile Rock - Located between the August Center and the Campus Center on the grass before the Quarter Mile Bridge.
- Wellness Rock - Located at the intersection of the Quarter Mile and the Greek Lawn walkway.
- Greek Lawn North Rock - Located behind Residence Hall B and C - in the Greek Lawn East
- Greek Lawn South Rock - Located on the Greek Lawn at the intersection of the Greek Lawn walkway and Fieldhouse Way.



• Chalking Locations:

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



F. 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 policy 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.