

## Student Affairs Rock Painting and Chalk Process

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### 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.
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### A. 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.

### 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.

### C. Reservation Process

- **Reservation Request:**
  - All requests to reserve a painted rock or chalking location must be submitted through [reserve.rit.edu](https://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.

#### D. Design Guidelines:

- **Content Restrictions:**
  - Student organizations must submit art concepts through the [Student Organization Design Approval Process](#) when making the reservation.
  - 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 in order to preserve artwork (i.e. paint, varnish, hairspray, enamel).

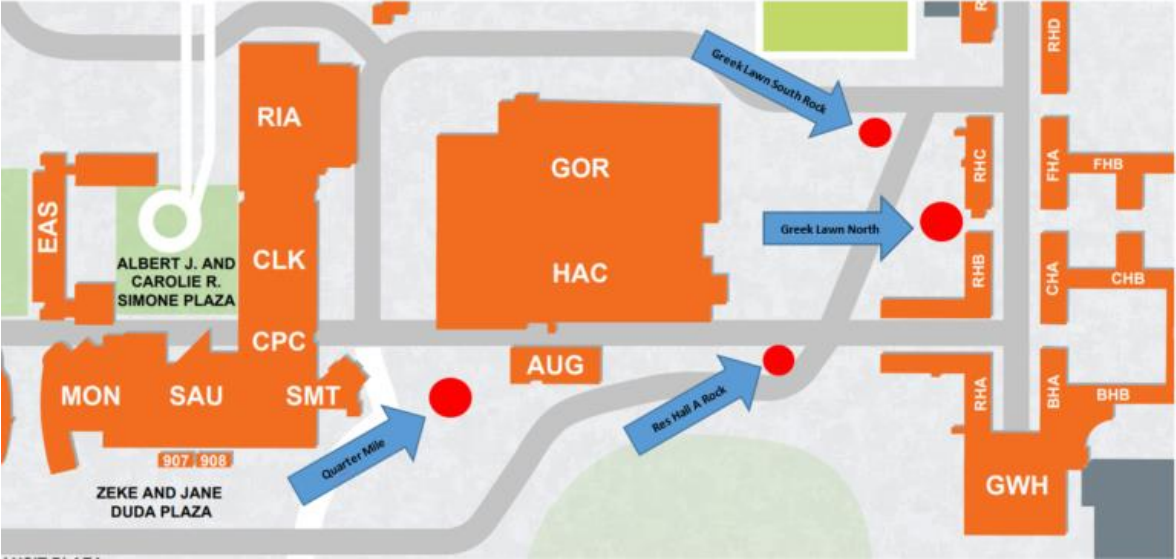
#### E. Restrictions

- **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.
- **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.

#### E. Reservable Areas:

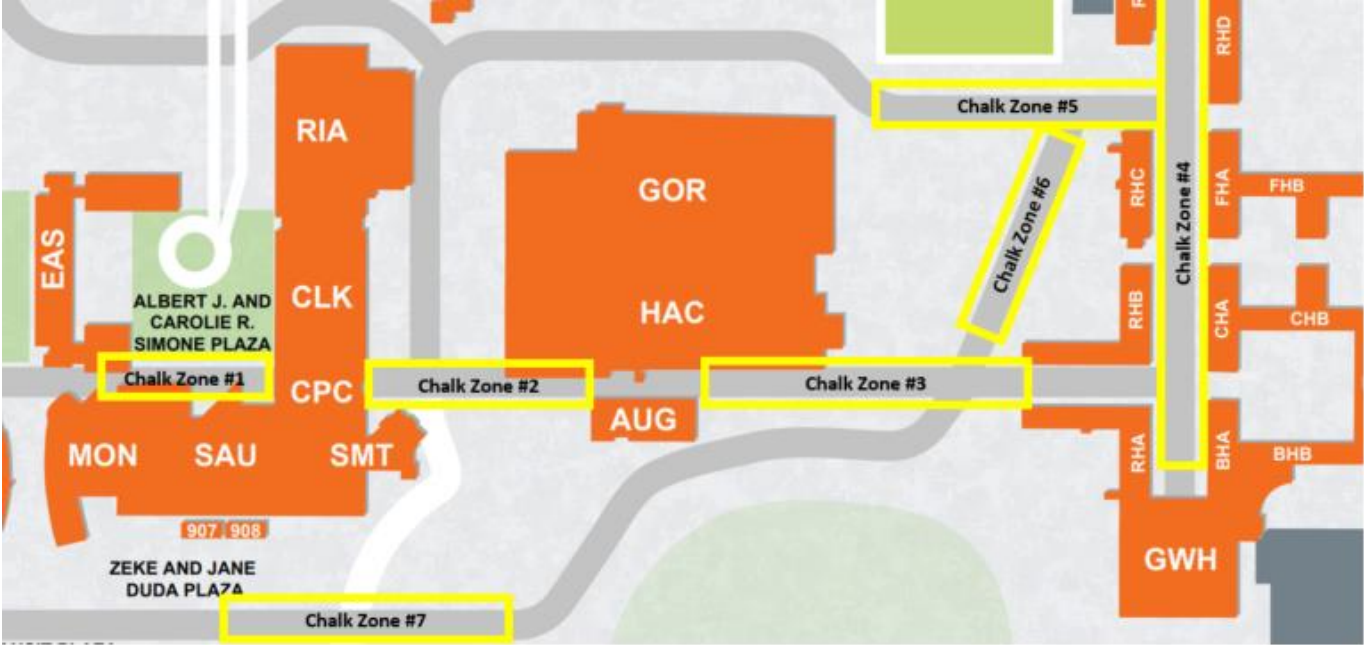
- **Rocks Painting Locations**
  - Campus Life Rock - Located between the August Center and the Campus Center on the grass before the Quarter Mile Bridge.
  - Wellness Rock - Located at the intersection of the Quarter Mile and the Greek Lawn walkway.
  - Residence Life Rock 1 - Located behind Residence Hall B and C - in the Greek Lawn East

- Residence Life Rock 2- 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 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](mailto: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.