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Comments: I started climbing about 3 years ago, and it has changed my life in so many ways for the better. Suffice it to say that I absolutely love climbing. Climbing helps to give people purpose, meet new people and friends, explore nature, improve mental health, and provide physical challenge and exercise. It also provides thousands of jobs.

I couldn't have gotten into climbing without fixed hardware. Most routes do not provide natural features for temporary/removable gear, and beginners don't have the skills to start out climbing without fixed hardware.

Recent deaths in climbing resulted from trying to rappel off temporary/soft gear. More accidents are bound to happen without fixed gear.

Fixed hardware presents no blight or significant environmental impact. To the contrary, bolts and hangers are often unnoticeable to non-climbers or even climbers. There is no notable negative result from the placement of fixed gear.