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Comments: I am a parent that has been climbing for over 20 years. I plan on bringing my two boys up learning to climb safely and responsibly. This involves fixed anchors, and sometimes, bolted routes.

I see this issue the same as having guardrails on any road that goes through a protected area. We admit that we are "unnaturally" travelling through that area, and have agreed that guardrails are a reasonable sacrifice to keep humans safe. It can be dangerous driving on a road with guardrails, but it's a reasonable measure we take. It's the same with fixed anchors at the top of traditional routes, and often where a route can't be protected traditionally, bolts on the route itself.

This has been standard practice for decades, and seems wanton and wasteful to discontinue it now.