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Comments: Pitons and similar devices that permanently scar wilderness rock should be banned.

More than half-a-century ago, pitons were the only game in town, and there are hand-made pitons sticking out of rocks that a struggling climber can fall on and be injured. In today's climbing world, newer equipment has replaced the piton, but chocks and cams require more training and experience, so the inexperienced climber can earn bragging rights with pitons that wouldn't be his or hers with newer, trace-free equipment.