

Activity –Bradfield Park Scout Campsite CLIMBING WALL.

Location

The wall is set up by a competent named person at Bradfield Park Scout Campsite

Equipment

A climbing harness and a helmet are provided and fitted under the instructor's supervision. Ropes and additional equipment are provided as required. Foot wear is personal and is provided by the participant. Footwear must be clean, dry and suitable for use. No muddy boots.

Health & Hygiene

Climbing is a strenuous activity that requires free movement. Tight fitting, restrictive or too much clothing is not recommended. Footwear should be trainers or climbing shoes. A coat is recommended if weather conditions require it. Footwear must be clean, dry and suitable for the activity.

Hazard	Hazard Effect	Risk Control Measures	Risk Level	Action
Falling off the wall	Grazes, Strains, broken bones, Spinal injury.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helmets are worn by participants when on the wall, to protect their head from contact with the wall. 2. Low level traversing of the wall at a max height from the floor of 0.5m. 3. All other climbing activities require participants to wear a harness and to be attached to a safety rope that is controlled or supervised by an instructor. 	L/M	
Equipment Failure	Falling.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equipment checked according to maintenance schedule as well as visually and by handling on each use. 2. Each use of helmet, harness and rope is recorded. 3. Worn equipment is destroyed and replaced. Equipment is fitted or checked by an instructor. 	L	
Tower Failure	Collapse of tower if incorrectly operated. Risk of severe injury or Death	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The tower may only be erected by named individuals who have attended the site specific induction programme. 2. Back up support pins used on every occasion and tower rests on pins rather than hydraulics 3. Tower must be leveled in accordance with induction training 	L	
Poor instruction & leadership	Muscle strains & injury through incorrect techniques. Uncontrolled behaviour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum qualification requirements for instructors for scout activities is Scout Climbing Leadership Permit issued in accordance with POR. 2. Minimum qualification requirement for instructors for Girl Guides is Level 1 Girl Guiding UK award or the Climbing Wall Award (CWA) Other local awards may be accepted only after on site appraisal by site staff and in consultation with a County Climbing Assessor. 3. Continuous appraisal and feedback from user groups. 	L	
Tripping – stepping back	Falling over	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climbers are lowered carefully off the wall and allowed to balance before the safety rope is fully released. Floor Area is kept clear of obstruction. 2. Running is not permitted. 	L	

Losing grip of hands or feet. Slipping	All above hazard effects	1. Losing grip may be part of participating in this activity. 2. When climbing ropes are used for fall protection. Footwear must be clean, dry and suitable in order to maximise grip.	L	
Participants belaying let go of climbing rope	Severe fall, leading to injury or Death	1. If not belaying a rope personally, the Instructor (Leadership permit) will tail the dead rope for inexperienced Belayers. Instructors with Supervisory permits will ensure belayers are suitably competent or that the dead rope is otherwise tailed by a competent person.	M	
Belayer lifted of ground by climber on lowering	Impact injury if belayer strikes wall.	1. Belayer positioned close to base of wall. 2. Use anchoring techniques where appropriate. 3. Ensure belayers of suitable weight used.	L	
Climbers freezes on Wall	Loss of confidence . Session may need to be halted to address struck climber	1. Instructors competent in a range of techniques to rescue stuck climbers 2. Encourage climbers to climb to their ability	M	

Activity Session Content

The instructor will appraise the group on arrival and adjust the session plan to suit the group taking into account previous experience, age, size, preparedness for the activity and any other relevant factors including information from the group leader. Helmets are always fitted at the start of the session. Harness may be fitted at an appropriate time in the session. Some form of warm up exercise to suit the group is undertaken. Experience of the wall may be gained through simple games and/or low level traversing (crossing) on the wall. Climbing takes place at a level appropriate to the group. Belaying is controlled by the instructors for inexperienced groups or with competent belayers under supervision.

Groups are required to provide a leader or adult to watch and manage those group members who are not actively involved in the climbing at any given time. Wherever possible, groups are asked to provide a leader with a current first aid qualification

Persons who are unable to follow simple instruction or control their actions will be removed from the activity.

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