



Master any fear of heights by scrambling up our 40ft wall and ringing the bell at the top. The wall allows 2 participants to go up at a time, meaning you can go up with a friend, or have a little race if you're competitive. If the wall is still too easy, try climbing up without using an arm or leg. Also with our brand-new equipment, including helmets and harnesses, you'll be looking very stylish venturing to the top.

**Age:** Any age

**Group size:** Maximum 15 per hour

**Clothing:** Recommend no tight-fitting trousers. No wellies

**Location:** Further up from the main campfire circle, in the woods next to the Bouldering Wall.

**Safety:** Helmets and harnesses provided, and these must be worn by all climbers, and persons in the climbing area.

**Instructors:** This activity is run by qualified Oaks staff. However, a leader is requested to help supervise the young people when waiting to climb.

## Briefing Sheet



# Climbing

<b>Activity Risk Assessment</b>		<b>CLIMBING</b>	
<b>Date of Initial Assessment</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	<b>Date of Initial Management Committee Approval</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
<b>Latest assessment review</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>Review approved and issued by Management Committee</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
<b>Signature</b>	JP	<b>Signature</b>	PEC

Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Who is at risk?	Comments/Notes
Fall or injury due to mistake or other action by Instructor	Instructors are authorised to run the tower by either the Scout or Guide Climbing Scheme, as appropriate. As part of this scheme, they are independently assessed for competence and the assessment is renewable at Three yearly intervals	Participants	Groups running sessions on the tower using their own staff MUST produce documentary evidence of competence – before being allowed to use the facility.
Observers injured by being too close	Boundary fencing in place – only staff and those Climbing/Abseiling are allowed inside fence. Until called forward for their “Turn”.	Participant/ Observers	Briefing required on all Groups as the begin activity
Fall, due to poor belaying	Ensure that one person is belaying only one rope and that they have received sufficient instruction. Individuals should not belay for more than 2 hour periods – Job Rotation is practiced.	Participant	
Falling, due to failure or incorrect use or fitting of harness	Correct harness to be used for all participant – appropriate to size. Full Body Harnesses must be used whenever possible (limited only by size) All harness to be checked by Competent staff member before individual begins to climb or abseil	Participant/ Instructor	
Falling due to a person not being connected to the safety system	Once a participant leaves the ground they must be connected to the safety system at all times – when transferring from one system to another – they must be connected to the new system before being disconnected from the old system.	Participant/ Instructor	Participants are instructed not to interfere which ropes and karabiners during the session.
Failure of equipment	All equipment is checked before being rigged. Use of the equipment is recorded and replaced as recommended by the manufacturers. The main structure is inspected regularly, by appropriate qualified/trained person, and certified as safe for use	Participant/ Instructor	Damage whilst in use – equipment to be checked after 4 hours in uses and when restarting session on the tower – following a break.
Cuts and Grazes from Holds and boards	First aider to be available at the tower and First aid box to be at the tower.	Participant/ Instructor	
Tripping over belays etc	Tower to be rigged so that trip hazards can be avoided	Participant/ Instructor	Any trip hazards which do exist should be pointed out to the group.
Being Struck by Falling Object	Everybody must wear a helmet when inside the boundary fence – when a session is being rigged, dismantled or in progress	Participant/ Instructor	
Hair being Caught in system	All long hair is to be tied back	Participant/ Instructor	
Covid-19 Transmission due to contact between individuals and surfaces	All participants and instructors will be encouraged to wear face coverings during the activity session. Sharing equipment will be minimized. Strict maintenance of hand hygiene will be required. Hand sanitizer should be provided by the group (not the campsite) and to be used before, during when appropriate, and after the session. Close contact to be avoided at all times except when tying in and checking/fitting harnesses.	Everyone	
Covid-19 Transmission of infection	If a member of the group become unwell with suspected Covid symptoms, they are to be removed by isolation and managed by the group, awaiting collection from site. If a member of the staff become unwell with suspected Covid	Everyone	

	symptoms, they are to remove themselves and leave site promptly		
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