

Scioto Audubon Metro Park - Climbing Wall Procedures

This facility is made possible through the cooperative partnership of the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and Metro Parks and is provided to promote the activity of rock climbing in a safe environment close to home.

Safety is the top priority and the following guidelines shall be followed at all times:

- Climbing Wall shall only be used during designated hours and shall not be used when wind is in excess of 20 miles an hour or lightning is in the area
- All directions given by Metro Parks employees shall be promptly complied with
- Climbers must be able to demonstrate their proficiency to a park ranger or attendant prior to using climbing facilities
- Helmets are recommended
- Properly fitted harnesses shall be used when roped in
- Climbers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and you must be at least 13 years of age to belay
- Closed heeled and toed shoes shall be worn while climbing
- Figure-eight-follow-through knot tied directly to harness is only approved method of tying in
- Belaying equipment shall be properly used. Belay device shall be attached directly to appropriate harness using locking carabiner. Climbers shall be on separate belays
- Hands shall not go above top rope anchors
- Top roped climbers shall only climb one panel to the left or right of anchor point
- Down climbing is permitted
- Boulderering: climbers hands shall not exceed a height of 12 feet above the ground. Do not boulder under other climbers. Use of a spotter and crash pad is encouraged. No topping out and standing on the boulder wall.
- Climbing or any form of participation while under the influence of drugs and / or alcohol is forbidden.

In the event of problems contact the park ranger at 614-620-1865 or 614-202-5197

LIABILITY Waiver

By signing this liability waiver all participants acknowledge that there is an inherent risk of serious bodily harm, injury and even death associated with the sport of rock wall climbing.

The understanding use knowingly and freely assumes all risk associated with the climbing wall at Scioto Audubon Metro Park including but not limited to all injuries resulting from falling and crashing into the climbing wall, ground, safety surface, crash pads, other climbers, or climbing equipment, all injuries resulting from not wearing a helmet, all injuries resulting from roe abrasions, entanglement, climbing, rappelling, belaying, lowering on a rope, emergency or rescue activities, all injuries from falling participants or equipment, all injuries resulting from negligence of other climbing participants, belayers, spotters, spectators, lifters, and all injuries resulting from personal physical and mental limits and deficiencies or pre-existing conditions.

The understanding user agrees to the following:

I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE and HOLD HARMLESS Metro Parks, it's owners, affiliates, agents, employees, and their successors and assigns, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, loss or damage to person or property.

- I state by signing this agreement that I am of good mental and physical health and I am fully capable of participating in this activity.
- I have read and understood this agreement and I am aware that by signing this agreement I am waiving and relinquishing legal rights.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Age: _____ Proficiency Demonstrated Via: _____ Ranger: _____