



Climb Cave Rules

- UT Recreational Services climbing staff must be present in order for members to climb or be in the climbing area. All participants must read and understand the climbing rules.
- All participants are required to sign a policies and waiver form before being allowed to climb.
- All personal belongings and bags should be kept off the floors. Items can be stored in lockers or cubbies.
- A maximum of 6 people can be on the wall at a time.
- Members and guests cannot climb above yellow line unless they are wearing a harness and are properly tied in and belayed by either a UT Recreational Services Climb Wall Specialist or by a person who holds a current UT Recreational Services climb card.
- Climbing commands must always be used when top roping.

Bouldering

- When bouldering at the UT Recreational Services the person's waist must stay below the yellow line.
- Bouldering can be done by anyone age 5 or over, and no climb card is required.

Top Roping

- When top roping climbers must be belayed by either a UT Recreational Services Climb Wall Specialist or by a person who holds a current UT Recreational Services climb card.
- Quick descents or swinging from the rope will not be permitted.
- Proper belay techniques and commands must be used at all times.
- Climbers are required to use the UT Recreational Services equipment such as: Ropes, Carabineers, and Belay Devices.
- Only one climber per rope.
- Never use lead climbing anchor as hold.
- Tie belay ropes to looped anchor rope when not in use.
- Top roping ropes must be tied to the daisy chains when not in use



Climb Wall Attire

- Climbers must wear clean athletic shoes, running shoes or climbing shoes.
- Boots, sandals, hard-soled shoes or bare feet are not permitted. No hats are permitted.
- All hand jewelry or long necklaces must be removed.
- Hair must be tied back when necessary.
- All pockets must be free of items (e.g., coins, keys, knives, cell phones, etc.).

Equipment

- Climbers with climb cards who are attempting to top rope must use Rec Center carabineers and belay devices.
- Climber using their own chalk bags must also use their own chalk.
- UTREC Center provides harnesses for climbers wishing to top rope.
- Personal harnesses are permitted but must pass inspection from the climb wall supervisor on duty.
- Supervisors look for the following when inspecting personal harnesses:
 - Manufactured less than 10 years ago
 - Bend the belt in an inverted "U." Watch for frayed edges, broken fibers, pulled stitches, cuts or chemical damage.
 - Check D-rings and D-ring metal wear pads for distortion, cracks, breaks, and rough or sharp edges.
 - The D-ring bar should be at a 90 degree angle with the long axis of the belt and should pivot freely

Minimum Climb/Belay Age

- Climbers must be at least 5 years of age and able to fit into a child harness.
- Please note minors (climbers 17 years of age and younger) must have a parent's or legal guardian's signature on all forms.
- You must be at least thirteen years of age to participate in a climb clinic, to hold a climb card, and to use the belay devices.