

Earth Treks' Climbing Center Rules and Regulations

General Climbing Center Rules:

- All climbers and observers must check in at the front desk before proceeding to the padded climbing areas or fitness room.
- Climbing is inherently dangerous. Participants must assume the risks of climbing. All climbers, course participants, and individuals operating a safety system at Earth Treks' Climbing Centers (ETCC) must sign a release of liability form.
- ETCC Management and staff reserve the right to check harnesses, knots, safety systems, etc. at any time.
- Individuals desiring to top rope belay at ETCC must take and pass the ETCC Tie In / Belay Test. Those individuals who do not pass or choose to not take the Tie In / Belay Test may climb (but not belay or tie knots) and must wait a minimum of 24 hours before taking or re-taking the test.
- Climbing ropes must be tied directly to the climber's harness. "Clipping" the rope to the harness is prohibited.
- Any individual engaged in the act of belaying should take responsibility for anchoring in from their harness to the appropriate belay anchor. Weight differences between the climber and the belayer can greatly impact the safety of both individuals. Anchoring in at ETCC is highly recommended.
- Grabbing hold of any lighting fixtures or structural members of the building or climbing wall is prohibited at ETCC.
- Any person desiring to lead belay and/or lead climb must successfully pass ETCC's Lead Belay and/or Lead Climb test. Upon successful completion of the Lead Climb test an individual may borrow a lead climb rope at the front desk. Borrowed lead ropes are to be used only by those individuals who have passed the Lead Climb test. Only ETCC ropes may be used for leading.
- All persons using ETCC are expected to respect other individuals in the Center and conduct themselves in good order. Any person deemed by the Management to be behaving in an unsafe or disorderly fashion will be asked to leave the facility. Earth Treks' staff reserves the right to revoke belay privileges at any time.

Youth Climbers:

- In the interest of safety, youth under the age of 14 must be supervised by an adult (18 years or older) or by an Earth Treks staff member. Children under the age of 4 are not permitted in a padded climbing or fitness area unless engaged in a climbing activity.

Bouldering:

- Bouldering (un-rope climbing) is permitted at ETCC in designated bouldering areas, or no higher than 10 feet (head height) in areas designated for roped climbing. While bouldering, it is the responsibility of the climber to be properly spotted by an individual on the ground and to position crash pads as needed.

I acknowledge that I have read Earth Treks' Rules and Regulations, fully understand them and that a copy is available for my records.

Signature (By Parent or court appointed guardian if under 18)

Date

Passed Belay Test

Passed Lead Climb Test

Passed Lead Belay Test

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