

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

GROUP CLIMBING PERMIT

Park Name: _____

Name of Group: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ **Position/Office Held:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Date of Submission: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

☐ Proof of Liability Insurance

I hereby acknowledge with my signature a full and complete understanding of the general conditions with which this activity will comply and agree to abide by these conditions and any special provisions required by the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation.

Signature of Responsible Official: _____

Title: _____

For office use only.

Permit Number: _____ **Date of Issue:** _____

Signature of Approving Official: _____

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General Conditions

1. Organized Climbing Groups

- a. An organized climbing group is defined as any organized group, regardless of size, which is guided or instructed by a commercial business, not-for-profit, school, church, club, private, or governmental organization.
- b. Permissible group sizes are limited to fourteen (14) persons, including climbing participants, instructors and bystanders. Groups are allowed to split up to different climbing sites, but the actual group must be no more than 14 people. DPR recommends a student to instructor ration of 6:1.
- c. Groups may be limited to an approved number of parking spaces. Approval of a Group Climbing Permit in no way guarantees there will be ample parking spaces. The parking lot fills often, and once it does, no additional parking is permitted until spaces become available.
- d. Groups may be limited to certain areas or routes within the climbing area at the discretion of the park superintendent or his/her designee.
- e. Although reservations are for specific areas, climbing routes cannot be reserved. If a climbing route is already in use, the group must wait until the user(s) has completed their use or select another route. All routes are still first come first served, other park visitors and individual climbers can't be excluded from climbing areas. A reservation only guarantees a group spot is available. Climbing groups may be directed to set up in climbing zones by the park superintendent or their designee.
- f. Cooperating agencies may be exempted from specific conditions of this permit at the discretion of the park superintendent or his/her designee, not to include climber's acknowledgment of the activity's risk and adherence to park climbing regulations.
- g. Groups may be limited to a certain amount of reservations per quarter of which only a certain amount may fall on a weekend. Quarters are January to March, April to June, July to September, and October to December.

2. Group Climbing Permit (GCP)

All organized groups are required to submit a Group Climbing Permit annually. Once approved groups will have access to make reservations for specific dates and climbing areas. There will be a \$35.00 fee for each group per reservation. The group leader must carry a copy of the signed GCP and the reservation confirmation with them during their climb.

3. Park Rules and Regulations

Groups will adhere to all park regulations, rules and policies regarding rock climbing and Group Climbing Permits as pursuant to the regulations, which are attached to these conditions. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all climbers associated with his/her group are familiar with and abide by all rules regarding climbing. Park Rangers have enforcement powers under the authority of G.S. 143B-135.15.

- a. Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injury, death and/or property damage. Climbers climb at their own risk and are responsible for obtaining proper equipment and training. The Division of Parks and Recreation offers no supervision or instruction to climbers and does not approve or certify instructors or climbers in any manner. Unroped climbing is discouraged.
- b. The Division of Parks and Recreation does not install or maintain any climbing surface, route or fixed anchors. New routes are not permitted, unless reviewed through the park specific climbing management plan.
- c. Route selection and the decision to rely on any fixed anchors are the climber's responsibility.
- d. Climbing activities are permitted in designated areas only and must coincide with the park's posted hours of operations. Climbers are not allowed to enter the park prior to posted gate opening hours and must leave the park before gate closing time.
- e. All accidents must be reported immediately to park staff.
- f. Groups will not leave roped routes unattended in such a fashion that limits the use of climbing routes by the general public. Routes left roped and unattended will be assumed to be abandoned and the users are subject to be charged with unintentional littering under G.S. 14-399(c1). Ropes left unattended on routes will be discarded if the owner cannot be located.
- g. Failure to abide by these conditions will result in revocation of this Group Climbing Permit and affect consideration of future climbing requests. Some violations may be subject to a citation.