

OPERATING PROCEDURES



Climbing Tower

All groups other than Scouts require an instructor with the appropriate climbing NGB qualification such as RCI, CWI etc. Scout Groups require either that OR a Scout Permit for climbing and that the following procedure is adhered to OR that an in house training session has been completed.

There are two methods of operation; a single group of say 10 to 12 people having the activity for an hour or a "Have a go" session that may include many more people as part of a larger event.

Prior to use, the wall must be set up by a trained member of Bibbys Farm staff for the day. The staff member will ensure the wall is upright on solid ground, the auto-belay lines are in place and working, the queueing area is set up and everything is safe to proceed as per the opening check list.

Single Group:

- Group briefing at the start of the activity including harnessing all climbers.
- Harnesses to be worn by participants, NO HELMETS
- Fit a safety line that dangles for lightweight climbers (Beaver Age) to allow pulling them down if too light for the autobelay
- Clip on the first climber on the easiest (first) climb, allow them to climb and talk them through letting go to safely be lowered to the ground.
- Transfer the first climber to the second climb and set them going whilst clipping on the second climber to attempt the first climb.
- Each climber to work their way through the climbs getting harder each time.
- Once finished, each climber joins the rear of the queue to have another go until their time is up.

Have a go Session:

- Two instructors (Minimum) required, only one needs permit/qualification
- Climbers form a queue for the activity and take turns.
- First (unqualified) instructor harnesses up the climbers as directed by the trained instructor and passes them through when ready to climb
- Second instructor checks the climber's harness then briefs the climber, clips them in and sets them climbing.
- Depending upon the size of the queue and number of people on the event, the instructor can either allow each person to climb once then remove harness and re-queue OR attempt each climb in turn and then re-join the queue if they wish to have another go.
- Once complete, the harness is removed and passed back to the first instructor to re-use on the next person.

ALL Sessions:

- Max weight for climbers is 19 Stones or 125 Kg
- Brief all climbers not to swing or jump when climbing, how to climb and descend properly. Empty pockets and remove anything that could drop onto people below. Check footwear secure. Long hair to be tied up.
- Activity Area and wall to be visually inspected prior to use and made safe before the activity starts.
- A First Aid Kit must be available at all times and it's location should be known by all participants.
- Food and drink shall not be permitted in the climbing area.
- Horseplay of any kind should be discouraged throughout the session.