



Tui Ridge Park

ROTORUA NEW ZEALAND

Rockclimbing

What is Rockclimbing?

Rockclimbing is the sport of climbing different grades of rock walls both natural and artificial. There are at least 3 common methods of doing this. One is called top rope climbing, where the climber is "belayed" on a safety rope and harness. Another is called "lead climbing", where the climber is still belayed but takes the ropes with them and "clips" into "bolts" on the wall. The last commonly known method is "free climbing". This is where the climber has no safety back up gear at all.

Tui Ridge Park has one natural rock wall and we only use the top rope climbing method of climbing as this is the safest way to experience the thrill and challenge of rockclimbing.

You are in good hands

Qualified instructors will take a group through each step of the process in learning how to rock climb from introduction to gear and training of its use to finally getting "onto the crag". Each instructor has been fully trained and is totally competent in every aspect of all the activities and procedures.

What do I have to wear?

Our rock is quite soft and we recommend that you climb in bare feet. However to get to and from the site we advise sturdy shoes. Relatively comfortable fitting and practical clothes are also advised. Items like loose sandals and trousers with low crutches aren't recommended. Hats and warm jackets and a raincoat are a must just in case, as it can get cold at the site.

Food and Water

There is a tap at the top of the site that has drinking water so you can fill up your drink bottles there if needed. Tui Ridge can provide lunches by request but must be booked prior to arrival.

Who can use it?

Any member of the public can hire our Rockclimbing site on any day of the week except Saturdays and subject to booking availability. Prices will vary depending on group numbers and time required. If you have your own instructors this can keep your costs down, however Tui Ridge reserves the right to check your instructors training and competence

Contact details

You can book with us by email at tuiridgepark@xtra.co.nz or fax us on 07 332 3540 or just plain old fashioned call us on 0800 TUIRIDGE, we would love to hear from you.



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ROCKCLIMBING PROCEDURES

This is a qualified instructor only activity

GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES

WITH TUI RIDGE INSTRUCTORS

Adults to supervise participants not yet rockclimbing

Adults to assist in the fitting of harnesses

Adults must belay participants on activity

Must have at least one adult per group of participants

WHEN SUPPLYING OWN INSTRUCTORS

Group must have a competent, trained rockclimbing instructor with logged hours of experience

Only top rope climbing is permitted on Tui Ridge Park site

Group is completely responsible for the safety and well being of all participants in their group

TUI RIDGE PARK RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEN HIRED AS INSTRUCTORS

Tui Ridge Park will provide competent, trained rockclimbing instructors with logged hours of experience

Tui ridge Instructors will not belay participants on activity unless no one else is available, this allows them to facilitate the activity while actively observing, training and checking all aspects of the activity including but not limited to belay techniques, participant harness fitting and karabiner attachments.

Tui Ridge Park will be responsible for the safety and well being of the participant while in the process of rockclimbing

Tui Ridge Park will give clear instructions of how to rock climb

Tui Ridge Park will provide helmets, harnesses, ropes and equipment for the activity

All ropes will be logged and checked on a regular basis and ropes retired after no more than 300 hours

Tui Ridge Park will maintain and upgrade the rock climb site and equipment

Group ratios to suit instructor experience, participant experience and conditions

Tui Ridge Park will close down activity if conditions are considered by the instructor to be too dangerous

WHEN HIRED AS A SITE ONLY

Tui Ridge Park will maintain and upgrade the rock climb site and equipment

Tui Ridge Park reserve the right to ask for and inspect instructors log book

Tui Ridge Park reserve the right to inspect any equipment brought on site to be used on the parks rock climb site. If found not to be up to be up to Tui Ridge Park standards use of the site will be denied

If group wishes to hire Tui Ridge Park rockclimbing equipment, the park will supply the necessary equipment on request

DISCLAIMER

I, the under signed have read and understand the procedures for the hire and use of the Tui Ridge Park rock climb site and here by declare to maintain that all requirements are known and followed by all participants.

Signed: _____(Group leader) Date: ____/____/____

Group name:_____

Signed: _____(Group leader) Date: ____/____/____



Safety Action Plan Rockclimbing

What could go wrong?	What could cause it to go wrong?	How could we prevent it from going wrong?	Whose responsibility is it?	When/where will it be done?
Broken bones	Lack of instruction Falling due to poor technique or equipment failure	Instructors have proper qualifications & experience Clear instructions given to group Equipment logged and checked	Tui Ridge Park Tui Ridge Instructors Tui Ridge Park	Prior to instructing the group At the beginning of each rotation Every 2 months
Sprains, grazes or muscle strains	Slipping on rock face or ground	Good footwear Clear instructions given to group No running	Group leaders Tui Ridge Instructors	Before the activity
Head injuries	Falling objects	Check for any loose objects at site Wear helmets	Tui Ridge Park Tui Ridge Instructors	Before the activity During the activity
Emotional stress	Phobias of heights Being forced to do activity	Challenge by choice philosophy Group support	Group leaders	During the activity



Safety Action Plan

Emergency Action Plan

If someone is injured:

- Stop activity
- TRP instructor to assess injury and apply first aid if needed
- If injury is serious contact Ambulance services immediately
- Assess if activity can continue

Instructor requirements

- Rockclimbing training to an appropriate level through a recognised training provider
- Leadership and group management skills
- First Aid certificate

Pre activity check list

- Equipment is safe and properly set up
- Clear instructions given

Additional requirements/Qualifications:

Group leaders to assist with group management , fitting of harnesses and belaying

