



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Group Climbing Application

Park name: _____

Name of group: _____

Name of applicant: _____ Position/Office held: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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: _____

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Application code: _____	Date of issue: _____
Signature of approving official: _____	

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Applicant shall not discriminate against any persons because of race, religion, color, sex, age or national origin, in the conduct of its operation under this application or other authorization.
2. Applicant agrees to exercise the privileges granted in this application, in accordance with all rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the Division of Parks and Recreation.
3. Applicant agrees to comply with all Federal Laws and regulations and all the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State, County, and municipality where in the said premises are located, with regard to construction, sanitation, licenses, or permits to do business, and all other matters.
4. Applicant agrees to keep the buildings and grounds clean and in a sanitary condition. It shall be the responsibility of the Applicant to leave the buildings, grounds, equipment and facilities in a clean and orderly condition at end of occupancy. The right is reserved to charge a cleanup or repair fee if this is not done. Upon the expiration or termination of this application, the said premises shall be delivered up in as good repair and condition as the same are in at beginning of occupancy.
5. No timber, tree, or shrub shall be cut, damaged or destroyed, nor shall any other natural feature be damaged or destroyed.
6. No building or structure shall be altered, erected or constructed except as specified as a condition of this application.
7. Applicant shall use said premises only for authorized recreational purposes, and shall not operate, or permit to be operated, any concession or profit making enterprise which involves the sale of goods, food, merchandise or other article, commodity, or service to the general public, unless authorized by this application.
8. Applicant shall not transfer or assign this application, nor sublet said premises or any part thereof or grant use of any part of this application to person(s) not subject to this application.
9. Applicant shall and hereby does waive and release any and all claim against the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the Division of Parks and Recreation, the State of North Carolina, and/or any of their employees, agents or assigns for any and all damages, loss, cost to person or property arising either directly or indirectly from the use of said premises and/or from the exercise of the privileges granted by this application.
10. Applicant shall take necessary and proper steps to provide for the health and safety of participants on said premises.
11. Applicant shall, prior to exercising any rights herein granted, submit a master traffic pattern for the direction and care or vehicular access and parking, if required by the site Park Superintendent.
12. The Division Chief of Operations, site's Park Superintendent, or their designated representative shall have authority to revoke, this application and require removal of any equipment upon failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the application. In the event an application is revoked, the fee is non-refundable.
13. Applicant shall not advertise the event or activity except as specified as a condition of this application.

CLIMBING-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

1. Organized Climbing Groups

- a. An organized climbing group is defined as any organized group, which is guided or instructed by a commercial business, not-for-profit, school, church, club, private organization, or governmental organization.
- b. A group is defined as greater than five (5) and no greater than fourteen (14) persons, including climbing participants, instructors and bystanders, with a student to instructor ratio of no more than 6:1. Groups are allowed to split up to different climbing sites, but the actual group must be no more than 14 people.
- c. Groups are allowed to use no more than four (4) parking spaces. Approval of a Group Climbing Application (GCA) 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. Climbing routes and areas cannot be reserved. If a climbing route or area is already in use, the group must wait until the user(s) has completed their use or select another route/area.
- 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 ten reservations per quarter, six of which may fall on the weekend. Quarters are January to March, April to June, July to September, and October to December.

2. The Climbing Permit System: A GCA is required for all individuals prior to rock climbing at all North Carolina State Parks. Free permits are available at park offices, online at www.ncparks.gov, and at information kiosks in all climbing areas. Permits are valid for the dates specified only. Each individual should complete and sign the permit, and group leaders should deposit the white portion or a copy of the permit in the provided receptacle or to the Park Superintendent and retain the yellow portion or a copy of the permit for the duration of their group's activity. All climbers under the age of eighteen (18) must have a parent or legal guardian sign their permit prior to participating in any climbing activities at North Carolina State Parks.

3. Group Climbing Application: All organized groups are required to submit a GCA for approval for each day the group plans to climb. Groups will be assessed a \$35.00 fee per climbing reservation. The group leader must carry a copy of the approved GCA and the yellow copy of each individual's day-use permit (see above) with them during their climb.

4. Park Rules and Regulations: Groups will adhere to all park regulations, rules and policies regarding rock climbing, including the most current version the Rock Climbing Management Guidelines. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all climbers associated with their group are familiar with and abide by all applicable rules.

- a. Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injury, death and/or property damage. Climbers fully assume all risks associated with climbing in North Carolina State Parks, including, but not limited to, injury (including death), loss or damages, to person, property or otherwise, of any kind resulting from such risks and any associated activities. Climbers are solely responsible for obtaining proper equipment and training. The N.C. 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's climbing management plan.
- c. Route selection and the decision to rely on any fixed anchors are the climber's sole 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 a fashion that limits the use of climbing routes by the general public. Roped routes left unattended will be assumed 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 Special Activity Permit and affect consideration of future climbing requests. Some violations may be subject to a citation.