



Recreation Services
City & County of Broomfield

BROOMFIELD RECREATION SERVICES

Climb Smart and Be Safe

At the Paul Derda Recreation Center, we want all of our patrons to enjoy climbing the wall. We also want all of our patrons and staff to be as safe as possible while climbing. In order to achieve this, we have set some guidelines. The PDRC staff reserves the right to take away climbing privileges if these guidelines are not followed.

Climbing is dangerous and injuries may occur even if all guidelines are followed.

- A waiver must be completed and on file for each and every climber. For those under 18, a parent or legal guardian must also sign the waiver.
- All children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- A Recreation Services I.D. card is required to check out any climbing gear. No other form of I.D. is accepted.
- You must check in with a staff member before you can climb if staff are not present at the wall then you will need to tell the front desk that you would like to climb.
- You must be 15 or older in order to take a top rope belay certification test.
- To become lead certified, you must be 18 and able to demonstrate the ability to properly lead a climb and belay. You will need a partner to take the test.
- Please store all belongings in a locked locker or a cubbie.
- Ball chalk only.
- No bouldering above 12 feet. Please stay over the mats when bouldering up to 12 feet. No dynamic bouldering moves allowed.
- Please do not mark routes with tape or chalk. If you have suggestions or concerns about route setting please see Melissa Kennington.
- When top rope climbing you must climb under your anchor or under the belay bar to which your rope is attached.
- Please climb in climbing shoes or tennis shoes. You must be wearing shoes at all times in the climbing area.
- Stand while you are belaying your climber, it keeps you alert and ready for any fall that may occur.
- Do not swing on the rope while belaying or climbing.
- Be aware of your surroundings, walk behind belayers, ***do not allow your children to run around the wall***, do not walk or stand under a climber on the auto belay.
- Do not climb above the belay bar.
- You must be certified to boulder and use the auto belay. Children are not allowed to boulder unless they are in a PDRC climbing class and the instructor is teaching climbing movement skills.
- If children are not climbing they must be sitting on a bench or outside the wall barrier, no car seats or strollers are allowed in the climbing area. Please utilize our child care services.
- Please ask for assistance if you are unsure how something works.
- You may use your own harness, ATC, GriGri, and locking carabiners. ***It is your responsibility to maintain and replace your own gear according to the manufactures guidelines.*** You may not use a figure 8 or any other type of belay device. When lead climbing, you will need to use a PDRC issued lead rope and PDRC quick draws. You may not use your own.
- Do not pull available top ropes down. Top ropes are hung in specific locations, if no top rope is present you are not to move ropes around or hang a lead rope for top rope use.

Thank you for your understanding.

Together we can create a fun climbing environment.

