

Bouldering Cave Policies

Cave Policies

- All climbers must have a JHU climbing wall waiver on file and must swipe in.
- The use of a spotter and moveable pads are highly encouraged and their use is the responsibility of the climber.
- No climbing under another climber.
- No climbing above the marked line.
- No loose or ball chalk. Liquid chalk is available.
- Shoes must be worn at all times at the bouldering cave and while climbing.
- No food or drink on the padded cave flooring. Water is acceptable.
- Maximum occupancy is 20 people.
- Report all unsafe/damaged equipment to climbing wall staff.
- All persons using JHU climbing facilities are expected to respect other individuals and conduct themselves in good order.
- Climbing Wall Staff reserve the right to ask a patron leave if they are deemed unsafe or in violation of these policies.

Climbing Wall Policies

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- All climbers must have a JHU climbing wall waiver on file and must swipe in at the climbing wall front desk.
- Everyone top rope climbing/belaying must take and pass a belay test.
 - Figure 8 with stopper knot and ATC belay device are required for the test.
 - Waivers and belay test are valid for one academic year.
- No climbing under another climber
- No loose or ball chalk. Liquid chalk is available.
- No food or drink allowed in the climbing area. Water is acceptable.
- Shoes must be worn at all times at the climbing wall and while climbing.
- Maximum occupancy is 30 people.
- Report all unsafe/damaged equipment to climbing wall staff
- All persons using JHU climbing facilities are expected to respect other individuals and conduct themselves in good order.
- No headphones while belaying or climbing.
- Climbing Wall Staff reserve the right to check harnesses, knots, safety systems, etc. at any time.
- Climbing Wall Staff reserve the right to ask a patron leave if they are deemed unsafe or in violation of these policies.

Auto-Belay Policies

- All climbers wishing to use the auto-belays must complete and pass the auto-belay orientation and test prior to usage.
- You must have a valid auto-belay cert to use the auto-belays.
- Check Auto Belay operation by pulling out a short section and allowing it to retract.
 - If the Auto-belay line fails to retract, do not clip into the Auto-belay and request assistance.
- If the Auto-belay stops retracting for any reason while attached, STOP CLIMBING. If there is no slack in the line, jump onto the webbing and the Auto-belay will descend. Notify the operator immediately.
- Check the harness is correctly fitted and tightened.

- Check the carabiner from the Auto-belay line is connected to the designated loop on the harness and the gate is properly closed.
- Ensure the carabiner latch gate is facing away from the user.
- Always stay on the climbs and walls the auto-belays are fixed to, making sure to climb directly below and not to climb above the auto-belays.
- Do not grab or clip into quickdraws, bolts or anchors while on the auto-belay.
- Do not grab top-ropes while on the auto-belay.
- Never start descent from above the auto-belay.
- Prior to descent, ensure descent path and landing area are free of people and obstructions.
- Avoid swinging while descending.
- Always descend feet first using feet to fend off obstacles and prepare for landing.
- After climbing, reattach the connector to an appropriate connection point at the bottom of the wall.
- Weight range for auto-belays is 22 lbs to 330 lbs.

Lead Climbing Policies

- Climbing Wall policies apply.
- Everyone lead climbing must have a current lead belay and lead climbing certification.
- No skipping clips.
- No taking “whippers” for fun.
- Spotting the climber for the first clip is required.
- The use of a moveable pad for the first clip is highly recommended.
- Only the Climbing Wall lead ropes can be used.
- Assisted breaking devices such as a GriGri or Cinch must be used according to the instructions however you must test with an ATC.