

FAQ

Top Rope Anchors

What prerequisites do I need to take this course?

The prerequisite of this course is to have an Introduction to rock climbing course. You will need to know how to tie yourself in and belay. These skills will not be reviewed in this course.

What is the fitness requirement for this course?

A hiking fitness is generally recommended.

How high are the cliffs?

The cliffs range from 70 feet to 90 feet.

How many people will be on the course?

The maximum group size per instructor is 4 people.

What type of footwear do I need?

It is a good idea to wear running shoes or hiking shoes/boots. You will have to hike in to the cliff so appropriate shoes are recommended.

How long is the hike into the cliffs?

It is a short (10 minute) hike from the parking lot. You are able to go back to the car if you need to.

Are there washrooms?

There is an outhouse situated beside the parking area.

Can I bring a cooler to put my lunch in?

We recommend that you bring your food in a backpack so that you can hike with your hands free.

How much is the park fee?

The park charges an entrance fee of \$6.25 per person.

Can my wife/husband/daughter/son/brother/sister/friend/neighbour/dog come and watch the course without participating?

We do not provide helmets for non-participants. Spectators can watch at their own risk.

What happens if I arrive late?

If you arrive late, you should be able to find the group putting on their helmets and harnesses. If you are over 30 minutes late, an instructor may come back in one hour to find you. You may want to hike down the stairs and try to find your group. Call the instructor's cell number which is given to you in your reminder/confirmation email.

What should I do if I am lost?

Prevention is the best advice. The map on our website has an interactive link to Google maps where you can type in your home address and Google maps will give you a recommended driving route and estimated drive time. Please print out this map/directions and bring it with you. Call the instructor's cell number which is given to you in your reminder/confirmation email.

Can I get a copy of the photos the instructor took?

The photos taken by the instructors are for use in the brochure or website. Due to the high volume of requests we are not able to email them to each individual. If you are really nice to us and take us out for dinner, we may consider sending you some shots.

TESTIMOLIALS

"I would like to thank you for your courteous service. I feel that you made every effort to accommodate me and that is a great thing to get from a business. Also many thanks to Fred Schuett; it was really great to learn from him. He is very professional and obviously quite knowledgeable. Safety was always at the forefront of Fred's "lessons" and it was good to hear personal anecdotes from previous experiences. I thoroughly enjoyed the past two weekends, and look forward to taking anymore courses that are offered, especially if they're taught by Fred."

Jason LeBlanc, Kingston Ontario Top rope anchors

"I wanted to pass along my compliments. I think the course went really well on the weekend, even with the wet weather on Sunday. The instructor did a great job! Kudos to you all. I am excited about joining the free top rope club that you offer."

Mat Pigozzo, London Ontario Top rope anchors

"Thanks so much for the awesome top rope course. I just wanted to say thank you for the really great training that I received. I learned a lot and had a great time with the whole group. You're a master of your trade and an excellent teacher. I now have the knowledge and confidence to set up some great routes on my own. I'll be back - for either more instruction or El Pico de Orizaba!"

Stephen Bannister, Guelph Ontario Top rope anchors

"The course was really great. We learned several different knots, how to equalize your anchors, and mainly how to make proper, good anchors. It was really great because the class was very small. We were able to get more attention and instruction from the instructor which was excellent. The best part was being able to set up the anchors and actually climbing on them. It was the best course I'll probably ever take."

Michael MacMurphy, Brampton Ontario Top rope anchors

"I really found the top rope climbing course useful. Now I feel much more confident that I can set up safe anchors, double check my partner's rope, and can ensure that I am taking control of my own safety when outdoor rock climbing. The instructor was very knowledgeable about the gear, the physics of the anchor set-ups, and is always checking and double-checking for safety. I would recommend this course for anyone who wants to get beyond indoor rock climbing and out to the beautiful outdoor rock climbing that we have available in Ontario."

Lorrie Schnurr, Guelph Ontario Top rope anchors

"I really enjoyed the top rope anchors course. It was an amazing experience and I learned a lot of interesting facts on climbing. I learned about different belaying devices and I liked how the instructor explained everything in an understandable manner. Thanks for the opportunity."

Jordan McMillin, Guelph Ontario Top rope anchors