

07 NCAC 14B .0608 ROCK CLIMBING

- (a) Rock climbing, bouldering, or rappelling is prohibited except in areas designated by the Zoo Director or their designee. The Zoo Director or their designee may designate a daily capacity limit for specific climbing routes and bouldering areas based on public safety and the protection and use of state property.
- (b) A Day-Use Climbing Permit is required for each individual participating in climbing, bouldering, and rappelling on Zoo property. Applications for permits may be made at www.nczoo.org. A completed Day-Use Climbing Permit application shall include the following information:
- (1) the permittee's name, address, and contact information;
 - (3) the permittee's expected time to return to their vehicle;
 - (4) the permittee's vehicle registration number and state of vehicle registration;
 - (5) name and contact information of an emergency contact; and
 - (6) signature indicating agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of the permit.
- (c) Day-Use Climbing Permits shall be issued upon receipt of a completed application unless:
- (1) the daily capacity limit for a specific climbing route or area has been reached prior to receipt of the completed application;
 - (2) the activity would be detrimental to the protection and use of state property or threaten the health or safety of the public; or
 - (3) The activity or use would constitute a violation of applicable law or the rules of this Subchapter.
- (d) If a permit application is denied, the applicant shall be informed in writing of the reason(s) for the denial.
- (e) Permittees shall maintain a copy of their signed Day-Use Climbing Permit with them at all times while on Zoo property.
- (f) While rock climbing on Zoo property, permittees shall not:
- (1) install permanent or fixed rock climbing anchors, such as pitons and expansion bolts;
 - (2) chip or glue holds onto the rock face;
 - (3) remove rock from its natural position except where failure to remove the rock poses a risk to public safety and such removal has been approved by the Zoo Director or their designee; and
 - (4) intentionally remove vegetation to clean a climbing route.
- (g) Violation of the terms and conditions of a Day-Use Climbing permit issued in accordance with this Section is prohibited and shall result in the revocation of the permit and removal of the violator from Zoo property.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.204(a);
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