



Girlguiding UK

Blackland Farm

girls in the lead

Conditions of use for the Abseil Tower and Wall

1. All groups must comply with their own organisation's and Blackland Farm's regulations, and instructors must be suitably qualified. Evidence of qualification is required before the activity can take place. Suitable qualifications are:
 - The Mountain Leader Training (MLT) Single Pitch Award
 - Scout Association Form M endorsed for the activity to be led, eg climbing/abseiling
 - Girlguiding UK's Climbing Scheme Level 1 or higher
 - other qualifications that are similar to Girlguiding UK's Climbing Scheme may be acceptable, eg the Southern Sandstone Award and Climbing Wall Award with Abseil Bolt On (CWA).
2. There is no minimum/maximum age for abseiling, but all participants must be able to safely wear a sit harness or a full body harness. We suggest seven years old as a guideline for minimum suitable age.
3. A safety rope must always be used, and attached to a separate point on the tower to the abseil rope. You must use a releasable abseil rope.
3. Helmets must be put on by all people abseiling before climbing the tower.
4. Only one person is permitted on a ladder at any one time. No waiting on ladders.
5. Keep landing areas clear at all times. Those within the landing area must be wearing helmets.
7. The gates of the Abseil Tower are to be closed when the tower is not in use. When the gates are open everyone at the top of the tower must be tied on. This includes belayers and those waiting for their turn.
8. On the Abseil Wall everyone going up must be wearing a harness so they can clip on to the tethers at platform level. There are no gates on the Abseil Wall so everyone must be clipped to a tether at all times.
9. Employees of Girlguiding UK may suggest or insist on alternative techniques or styles.
10. Girlguiding UK accepts no responsibility for damage or injury resulting from use of the tower unless proven negligent.

Group

Leader's name

Organisation

I have read and understood these conditions and agree to comply with them.

Signed Date.....

Qualification seen by

Signed Date