

Site specific information: Severn Trent Disused Quarry [SN 9113 8664]

Environment

Sedimentary crag in a roadside location. Area beneath the crag is also used as a car park open to the public. 3 abseils in the centre of the face, which also make good climbs at around 4a/b grade.

The rest of the crag has a large amount of loose rock and must not be used.

Access

The crag is on private land, owned by Severn Trent. We have permission to use the site. Treat the venue with care and be sensitive to / aware of members of the public.

Specific hazards

There may be loose rock in the areas on either side of the normal descents. Instructors must ensure participants stay on line and that no-one approaches the base of the crag when participants are on the rock.

Participants must be briefed to stay off the road and be aware of vehicles entering the car park from the road. Groups should be supervised by a responsible person in addition to the instructor (*or all participants remain in a clearly defined area*). All vehicles should be parked away from the crag. Members of the public must be politely requested to move vehicles away from the danger of stone-fall.

Emergency plan / escape routes

There is a mobile phone signal. Escape from the crag top is via the ascent route.

General procedures

Instructors must be attached to the belay stakes at all times whilst on the sloping crag top.

No participants are allowed on to the sloping crag top until their helmet and harness have been checked, they are attached to a safety rope and on belay / tied off.

3 independent stakes must be used for each abseil.

All stakes must be checked prior to use, and monitored between sessions.

For climbing, an appropriate industry recognised system must be used.

For climbing, participants should warm up.

Briefing

On arrival, participants must be briefed on:

- Danger from vehicles on the road / entering the car park.
- Loose rock.
- Helmets must be worn at all times within 20m of the crag.
- Access route to the crag top, with particular reference to walking along the roadside.
- Procedure when participants reach the bottom of the abseil.

Any responsible person accompanying the group must be clearly briefed on their role and responsibilities.