



CENTRE RULES

Participation statement

“The British Mountaineering Council recognises that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.”

To climb at The Weedon Project you must have read and understood our **CONDITIONS OF USE** and **CENTRE RULES**, and agree to the above BMC participation statement.

CONDITIONS OF USE OF THE WEEDON PROJECT BOULDERING GYM

Although the bouldering gym is an artificial environment, the risks involved are no less serious than when climbing or bouldering outside. There is an additional risk that bolt-on holds can spin or break. If you find a loose hold, please notify a member of staff straight away.

Statements of ‘Good Practice’ are posted around the centre adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

The soft flooring under the bouldering walls does NOT prevent injury.

- Broken and sprained limbs are common on this type of climbing wall despite the soft landing.
- Uncontrolled falls or jumps are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others.
- Climbing beyond your capabilities on any wall could result in a fall. Any fall may result in an injury despite the safety systems in place to avoid it.
- You must make your own assessment of the risks whenever you climb.

Our Duty of Care

The rules of the bouldering gym, as set out here, are not intended to limit your enjoyment of the facilities. They are part of the duty of care that we, as operators, owe to you, the customer, by law. As such they are not negotiable and if you are not prepared to abide by them then the staff must politely ask you to leave.

Your Duty of Care

You also have a duty of care to act responsibly for your own safety, and that of other users of the centre. Statements of ‘Good Practice’ are posted around the centre adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

Unsupervised Climbing

Before you climb without supervision, the centre expects you to be prepared to abide by the rules below and that you understand the risks involved in your participation.

- You are required to register and agree to these rules before you participate in any activities at the centre.
- You can confirm that you are an experienced climber who has climbed at an indoor wall (roped or bouldering) on at least 5 previous occasions.
- Unsupervised climbing is just that! If you are not competent in the use of any equipment in the gym, then please do not attempt to use it. Speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help, and can book you on to an appropriate instructed session. Staff will provide whatever help and advice they can, but instruction in the use of equipment or climbing techniques will only be provided where it has been booked and paid for in advance.

Supervised Climbing

An adult who is fully registered at the centre may supervise up to two novice climbers as long as they are prepared to take full responsibility for the safety of those people. Groups of three or more novices must only be supervised by an instructor holding the relevant Mountain Training Board qualification.



Children

- All children u14 must be supervised by an adult whilst they are climbing in the centre.
- Supervising adults must be over the age of 18 and be registered as competent at the centre.
- Supervising adults must complete a form detailing which children are in their care.
- There is a maximum ratio of 2 children per adult.
- Supervision should be close and active, supervisors should stay with children at all times.
- Supervisors are responsible for all aspects of their ward's health and safety and agree to ensure that their ward(s) abide by the rules of the centre, and the statements of good practice.
- Only children over the age of 14 can be registered for unsupervised climbing. This must be with the consent of both a parent/guardian and a centre manager.
- Children over the age of 14 may climb *without* active supervision, but a parent or guardian must remain on the premises.
- Children over the age of 16 may climb unaccompanied with written consent from their parent or guardian, and in agreement with the centre manager. Please ask for details
- Under 18's are not permitted in the training area unless under supervision by a qualified instructor.

Facilities

The centre reserves the right to close the facilities or part thereof for any period of time when required for route setting, tournaments, other activities or in connection with repairs, alteration or maintenance work. CCTV is in operation throughout the centre, this is for your safety.

The Venue

Our gym is located in a historic, listed, building and therefore there are certain features that will require your additional attention and understanding:

- Any visitors to our centre should be aware that the entrance is via a long staircase. There is unfortunately no lift, and whilst we will make every effort to assist with access, this may not be possible for all.
- Due to the age of the building, and listing restrictions, our WC facility runs on a Saniflow system. We would politely request that users are mindful of the quantity of paper they use at any one time, and that ALL sanitary items are disposed in the bin provided, and not in the toilet.
- Our building is shared with other established businesses from both an entry and parking perspective – our designated parking is at the back of the unit – please be respectful of our neighbours, and their property throughout the duration of your visit.

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- Report to reception on each visit before you climb.
- You must exercise care, common sense and self preservation at all times.
- Report any problems with the walls, holds, equipment or other climbers' behaviour to a member of staff immediately.
- Be aware of other climbers around you and how your actions will affect them.
- Never climb directly above or below another climber.
- Do not distract people while they are climbing or spotting.
- Don't sit or stand under or near the walls when people are climbing.
- Keep the mats free of any obstructions like bags, clothing, bottles, shoes etc.
- No food, drink or outdoor shoes are allowed on the mats at any time.
- In the interest of safety, do not climb over the top of, or onto the top of, the climbing structure at any point.
- Do not stray into areas marked as no unauthorised access.
- Jewellery (especially rings and necklaces), and very loose-fitting clothing can cause harm to yourself and others, please remove these before you climb.
- Empty your pockets before climbing to avoid items falling out and causing injury.
- Break out furniture must be kept off the bouldering mats at all times.
- Climbing shoes must be worn when climbing, outdoor shoes are not permitted in the climbing areas.
- You have a duty of care to act responsibly for you own safety, and that of other centre users.