

Breckenridge Outdoor Programs
Orientations and Assessments

Bouldering Orientation

5min

All climbers wishing to use the climbing gym must first participate in a bouldering orientation. In the bouldering orientation, we will have you complete a yearly Waiver of Liability, inform you of the rules of the climbing gym, review safety points specific to our facility, and how our bouldering routes are marked.

Top Rope Skills Assessment

5-10min

All climbers wishing to be able to top rope climb on their own in our gym must pass our top rope skills assessment. In this assessment you will be asked to demonstrate the ability to tie a Figure-8 Follow Through and demonstrate the ability to belay another climber safely and competently. You must be able to demonstrate full proficiency at the time of assessment or you will not pass. In the event that you do not pass, you will be required to wait 24 hours before retesting. No instruction will be allowed or provided during the assessment.

Lead Climbing Skills Assessment

10-15min

All climbers wishing to be able to lead climb on their own in our gym must pass our lead climbing skills assessment. In this assessment you will be asked to demonstrate the following skills: ability to correctly clip a quickdraw, ability to demonstrate a backclip and explain why it's dangerous, ability to describe a Z-Clip and why it's dangerous, ability to safely and comfortably climb a moderate route on lead, ability to safely and comfortably take a leader fall, ability to safely and comfortably belay a lead climber, and ability to safely and comfortably catch a leader fall. You must be able to demonstrate full proficiency at the time of assessment or you will not pass. In the event that you do not pass, you will be required to wait 24 hours before retesting. No instruction will be allowed or provided during the assessment.

Based on the skills demonstrated at the time of assessment, the climbing instructor's decision is final.