

Sequoia Scramble



About the activity

The Sequoia Scramble is vertical challenge course between two of our majestic Redwood trees at our Dalguise centre; trees more commonly found on the coast of California. The course will challenge your pupils both mentally and physically as the 30 foot climb includes a scramble net and rope ladders to reach a bell at the top - ring it to celebrate your success!

Activity aims

The aim of this activity is to:

- · Introduce the skill of climbing and the necessary equipment.
- Allow each participant to experience climbing.
- · Encourage the participants to set goals.
- Ensure participants support and encourage each other to achieve those goals.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to discuss what they have accomplished.

Progression opportunities

Some participants may also:

- Improve the quality and consistency of their climbing technique.
- Take the initiative in evaluating their performance and that of the group.

In addition, participants should also have developed in the following:

- Interpersonal communication
- Teamwork
- Using initiative

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the activity, participants will have:

- Demonstrated an approved climbing technique to ascend safely under supervision.
- Used specialist equipment and PPE, understanding its purpose and name.
- Demonstrated the ability to listen to, understand and act on instructions received.
- Supported their peers throughout the activity and recognised achievements.
- An understanding of associated hazards, be able to assess risks and understand how these may be controlled.
- Contributed to a post-activity review led by the instructor identifying what they did well and then suggested ways to improve.

Associated vocabulary

Words relevant to safety	e.g. hazard, personal protective equipment, risk assessment, safety area.
Words relevant to equipment	e.g. climbing rope, figure of eight, harness, helmet, karabiner, maillon, safety rope.
Words relevant to the activity	e.g. climb, belay, friction, coordination, vertigo, confidence.
Words relevant to teamwork	e.g. achievement, challenge by choice, communication, encouragement, listening, participation, review, support, trust.