



Rules & Regulations

River Rules and Etiquette

- All participants must have a whitewater certified PFD and helmet while on the river.
- All persons engaging in any activity on the water must be able to swim
- All rafting participants must **be at least 12 years of age**.
- No swimming in the whitewater channels.
- Downstream boaters ALWAYS have the right-of-way!
- Standard river etiquette applies at all times .
- Keep your hands on your paddle when riding the conveyor belt.
- Stay 50 feet away from the intake and outtake of the pumps .
- Assumption of risk form must be signed for ANY guest to participate in any whitewater activity.
- If you see another boater struggling, please help or notify someone who can help.
- The staff at USNWC reserves the right to ask any participant to leave the premises .

Hardboating Rules

- All boats are subject to approval by USNWC. Whitewater specific boats only. No Inflatables.
- Proper floatation is required in all kayaks and canoes.
- All boaters should arrive at kayak check-in building 30 minutes before scheduled time slot.
- Bibs must be worn to paddle the whitewater.
- A license or credit card is required to receive bib.
- Boaters must return bibs to kayak check-in building within 10 minutes of completion of time slot or \$30 late fee applies .
- If paddling more than one session, boater MUST receive a new bib.
- If you do not return the bib the unreturned bib fee is \$100.
- USNWC staff will require any boater without appropriate bib color to get off the water.

Climbing Facility

- All climbers must check in prior to climbing.
- Do not climb without shoes. Socks must be worn with rental shoes and rental shoes are only to be worn in mulched areas.
- Always remain in control.
- No food or beverage is allowed inside mulched areas.
- Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Standing underneath climbers is dangerous. Avoid walking or standing between climbers and belayers.
- Do not swing on ropes.
- Be polite and friendly and support your fellow climbers.
- Please notify staff of loose holds. Only USNWC staff may add, tighten, or move climbing holds and bolts.
- Personal gear is subject to approval from USNWC climbing staff.
- Climber's check-in tags or wrist band must be visible to staff at all times.
- Remove rings, jewelry and objects from pockets and belts when climbing.
- Do not use steel bolt hangers as climbing holds.
- For the safety of pets, they are not allowed in the mulched climbing areas.
- Avoid climbing with head below waist.

Climbing Policies

- All belayers must be checked out by USNWC Climbing staff.
- Belayers must be anchored to the ground chains, and keep their brake hand on the rope at all times.
- Audible climbing commands must be used before each climb.
- Climbers and belayers must check each other's set-up before each climb.
- Climbers must stay within route to prevent pendulums.
- Un-roped climbers must yield to roped climbers at all times.
- Topping out is not allowed when bouldering.
- Spotters are strongly encouraged while bouldering.
- Climbing higher than your own height is prohibited when bouldering outside the designated bouldering area.

Participation in any Activity is prohibited after the consumption of alcoholic beverages.