

Prime Climb / Mountain Fun FAQ

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What is the difference between Mountain Fun and Prime Climb?

Prime Climb and Mountain Fun are part of the same climbing gym.

- In the beginning Prime Climb was one single facility and all activities took place at Prime Climb. As Prime Climb grew we expanded into a facility next door. At that time we decided that each facility would focus on a different aspect of climbing. Mountain Fun's focus is on kids, birthday parties and beginning climbers, while Prime Climb's focus is on intermediate to advanced climbers, and beginners who are interested in pursuing climbing as a regular activity.

Mountain Fun

- Mountain Fun's focus is on kids, birthday parties and beginning climbers
- Mountain Fun utilizes Auto Belay devices. No previous experience or rope management skill is required. By being clipped into the Auto Belay device you may climb on your own. When you fall or reach the top the device will automatically return you to the ground.
- Mountain Fun's wall and routes are designed to be less intimidating for beginning climbers. New climbers can get a taste of what climbing is all about.
- Mountain Fun charges by the hour. One hour of climbing using auto belay devices is usually sufficient for most kids and beginning climbers
- Mountain Fun facility also includes two party rooms, making it the perfect place for your child's Birthday Party

Prime Climb

- Prime Climb's focus is on intermediate to advanced climbers, and beginners who may be interested in pursuing climbing as a regular activity
- Prime climb features top roping, lead climbing and bouldering
- Roped climbing at Prime Climb involves at least two people, a climber, and a belayer (partner)
- In order for you to climb the ropes at PC your partner must have rope management skills that include tying knots, proper use of the harness, climbing commands and belaying. Belaying means being able to correctly tie knots, and keep your partner safe by taking up slack as they climb, catching falls, and safely lowering a climber back to the ground.
- Your partner can be a friend, an experienced member of a group, or an experienced climber you met at the gym,
- For an additional charge you may hire a PC staff member to belay you or your group. Advance notice/reservations may be required.
- Before you can belay at Prime Climb You must successfully pass a knot and belay test.
- Prime Climb offers lessons to teach knot and belay skills necessary to climb at PC

My friend is an experienced climber who knows how to belay but I do not. Can I climb at Prime Climb?

- Yes. Your friend can belay you and tie you in to the rope. They are responsible for your safety.
- Your friend will not be able to climb unless they can find someone to belay them (another friend or climber with appropriate belay skills).

I have never climbed before, but I'd like to try it. What should I do?

There are a couple of ways to get started

1. Go to our Mountain Fun facility. The climbs are set up for beginners and use auto belay devices so no previous experience is required. Cost is \$15 for an hour (Tues- Thurs) and \$20 (Fri,Sat,Sun). No appointment necessary.
2. Some people feel that the climbs at Mountain Fun may be too easy or do not provide enough of the climbing experience. If you are looking for something more, are looking for a bigger challenge, or think you might want to continue with the sport, you can come to Prime Climb (we are next door to each other). The walls are higher and some are steeper. There are easy routes, very difficult routes, and everything in between. In order to climb at Prime Climb someone must have rope management skills i.e. connect to harness, tie knots , and belay (catch falls, and lower a person back to the ground) There are 2 ways to do this and the cost is the same \$35 per person
 - Take a lesson - we will teach you both how to belay - in the future you can continue to climb on your own
 - Have a staff member belay you while you focus on climbing. If you like it, you can take a lesson the next time you come to the gym.

I am interested in climbing but cannot convince my friend to go. Can I still climb?

OR

I'm an experienced climber but new to the area. Where can I find a partner or meet other climbers?

You have several options

1. Climb at Mountain Fun. Auto belays are used so no partner is required
2. Prime Climb has an extensive bouldering area. No ropes skills required but you must learn how to properly fall to avoid injury. Bouldering is an advanced skill. The degree of difficulty and risk of injury is high
3. Join one of the several groups that frequent Prime Climb. The AMC (Appalachian Mountain Clube) is usually here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, The CCM (Connecticut Climbers and Mountaineers) and Meetup.com on Wednesday's. Stop in anytime and we will introduce you to a few folks
4. You can also look for fellow climbers on Facebook

CT Climbers Unite

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/135140383177882/>

Connecticut Climbers and Mountaineers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/10547895145/>

CT rock climbers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/148324692020875/>

5. Arrange to have a staff Prime Climb staff member belay you. Reservations required call 203 265-7880

I want to have a birthday party for my 6 year old. How do I make arrangements?

Call Mountain Fun at 203 265-4006 or email us at Info@primeclimb.com
And we will assist you with party planning

My child is a teenager and we want to try something different for their birthday. They are not specifically interested in a party, just doing something cool with their family or friends. Can they come to Prime Climb?

Absolutely. Call us at 203 265 7880. We can help you set up a challenge course event, private function, or general climbing event.