

Treetop Explorer Weather Cancellations

Severe weather presents safety concerns for climbers and staff, therefore climb events may be cancelled according to weather forecasts or current weather conditions. Since weather conditions have the potential to reduce the amount of time registrants can climb during a climb event, we may cancel a climb based on forecasted conditions out of courtesy for registrants and parents.

Given the inconsistency with weather forecasts, Treetop Explorer, LLC may not make the call for cancellation until the day of the event. We attempt to make the call for cancellation based on weather **no later than 2-3 hours prior to the start of a climb.**

Once we make the decision to cancel a climb due to climber safety issues posed from weather, Treetop Explorer, LLC will contact the registrant contacts from the roster and contact information provided.

Weather conditions of safety concern:

- 1- Thunder and/or Lightning – When we hear thunder or see lightning, all climbers will return to the ground and be instructed to seek appropriate shelter. Climbers will not be placed back on rope until approximately 15 minutes after the last rumble is heard and radar shows the system has cleared the area.
 - 2- High Winds – High winds involve a judgement call, taking into consideration wind speed, expected gusts, and characteristics of the tree or park where the climb is located. In general, forecasted sustainable windspeed in excess of 20mph will typically be cause for cancellation due to climber safety concerns.
 - 3- Precipitation – Light rain and snow by themselves are not necessarily a cause for cancellation. A judgement call is made, taking into consideration intensity of expected precipitation, air temperature, and the ground conditions beneath the tree.
 - a. Rain, snow and low temperatures do not pose a significant safety concern in regard to the tree climbing equipment.
 - b. Body temperature increases while climbing. Climbers can dress in layers and wear outerwear appropriate for expected weather conditions.
 - c. Foot traffic on super-saturated soils can cause damage to the park area or injury to the tree's roots and are taken into consideration.
- Should weather conditions cause concern for climber safety during a climb in progress, delays or cancellations will be implemented by Treetop Explorer, LLC without prior notice.

Climber Comfort:

Since tree climbing is an exciting outdoor activity and new to most participants, they typically enjoy climbing regardless of weather conditions (within reason). Observers tend to be less enthusiastic in less-than-ideal weather conditions as they may get chilled and impatient.

Treetop Explorer, LLC acknowledges that each climber/observer has a different threshold of tolerance for certain weather conditions. Our desire is to allow registrants to cancel or transfer their registration to another climb if they are concerned about the weather forecast during their scheduled climb.

Please note that Rec Climbs are subject to the host Organization/Recreation Department's policy. Should a climb be rescheduled, the host Rec Dept will contact registrants to communicate options for transferring/refunding of your registration.

With Private Events booked directly with Treetop Explorer, LLC, the client has the ability to cancel a climb based on weather conditions related to your guests' comfort. Should you find it preferable to cancel, we will work together to reschedule your climb on another day.