



Climbing Access Cheddar Gorge – South Side

Climbing Access is granted freely by Cheddar Caves & Gorge for non-profit Recreational Climbing on a *volenti non fit injuria* basis to climbers who are current members of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) or the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS), or members of their affiliated clubs, who thus have Third Party Liability Insurance against injury or damage to third parties or their property provided for them by the BMC/MCofS, and to those climbers who are not BMC/MCofS members but who have lodged their name, address and a copy of their Third Party Liability Insurance with Cheddar Caves & Gorge office, situated above Gough's Cave. *Volenti non fit injuria* is a Common Law doctrine, which states "to a willing person, no injury is done". Climbing is a dangerous sport willingly undertaken by climbers and thus climbers are assumed to consent to the risk of being injured themselves while climbing.

Winter Climbing 2012

Access to all cliffs is subject to the Code of Conduct we agreed with the BMC
01 January to 15 March

Climbing on Off Peak Summer Routes Only
above our avalanche fences or low down at road level
16 March to 30 June

EXCEPT
No Climbing

Easter Bank Holiday - 06 April to 09 April

May Day Holiday - 05 May to 07 May

Whitsun Holiday - 26 May to 03 June

Peak Summer Prohibition
No Climbing

01 July to 02 September

Climbing on Off Peak Summer Routes Only
03 September to 30 September

Winter Climbing 2012

Access to all cliffs is subject to the Code of Conduct we agreed with the BMC
01 October to 31 December

Off Peak Summer Routes are climbs restored or established by Cheddar Gorge Climbing Project team members and by BMC-insured individuals associated with the Project. The Project was conceived by the climbing guidebook author, Martin Crocker, endorsed by Cheddar Caves & Gorge, Dr John Beck Consultant Geologist and Natural England, supported by the BMC, Undercover Rock and The Climbers' Club with the aim of:

Restoring a selection of the best quality climbs
Extending climbing access outside the Winter months
Protecting the public and the wildlife in Cheddar Gorge

These Off Peak Summer Routes are publicised in the guidebook **Cheddar Gorge Climbs** available from Cheddar Caves & Gorge. Off Peak Summer Routes, on the south side of Cheddar Gorge, are listed below.

Climbing Access is prohibited to all Commercial Users, this being circumstances in which anyone involved either has to make a payment or is receiving a payment, including a wage or a salary, for engaging in the activity. Please contact Cheddar Caves & Gorge 01934 - 742343 or the BMC website www.thebmc.co.uk for the Code of Conduct and further information.