

Halloween After Dark Headtorch Lock-In and After Party Event at The Castle 2021

By purchasing a ticket for this event, you agree to the following conditions and state that you have read and understood the risks contained in this document in full.

RISKS

Participation Statement:

All attendees must be registered, unsupervised castle climbers with a current AOR on our system.

No novice supervision at this event. Competent and experienced rope climbers only.

No under 18s will be admitted.

All climbing activities have a risk of serious injury or death. Participants must recognise that even if they follow all good practice there may still be the risk of accident and injury. It is the responsibility of the participant to adhere to the conditions of use. **As with all sporting activities, injuries are possible in climbing and might be sustained despite the safety systems in place.**

The climbing centre is a busy environment. It is very important that attendees do not go into climbing areas where they may be in the landing zone of another climber.

If required, emergency first aid will be administered by a qualified member of the Castle staff (most likely our Duty Manager).

RISKS - GENERAL

Due to the nature of the event, visibility throughout the centre will be reduced. Low level lighting will be in place, including illuminated emergency exit signs, but additional care needs to be taken throughout the event by all attendees.

When navigating the centre, extra care should be taken to avoid trips and falls, especially on the stairs. We will provide low-level illumination in these spaces but attendees must take care when moving round the centre and to take care not to bump into others. Special care should be taking when in roped climbing areas not to distract or bump into belayers.

All attendees must wear headtorches at all times.

RISKS – CLIMBING

Climbers should be aware of the additional risks associated with headtorch climbing.

No rucksacks or bags should be taken with you round the centre as this could present a trip hazard, especially for others. Nothing should be left in the belay areas or on the mats.

All climbers must take the time to assess whether each route is within their capability, and the likelihood of falling. Keeping distance and being aware of fellow climbers at all times is always important in a busy climbing centre, but even more so at this event. Please check that your problem

/ route is clear before starting, be aware of the moments of climbers around you, and the dimensions of the fall space you would occupy if you were to come off the wall unexpectedly.

Bouldering is climbing without ropes on shorter walls (up to 4m). Climbers will need to be able to assess their own ability to down climb or jump off safely. Broken and sprained limbs are common- the soft matting underneath does not make the activity safe. Only experienced climbers should be bouldering.

- Climbing holds can spin or break causing climbers to fall unexpectedly.
- There will be an additional risk of reduced visibility while bouldering as the event will take place in darkness. All climbers must wear head torches at all times.
- There will be an additional risk of dropping head torch from height. Climbers must ensure that their head torches are fitted securely. People not taking part in bouldering must stay clear of mats.

When roped climbing, climbers may climb up to 12m. They will be in safety harnesses and tied in to a rope which is controlled by a belayer. Injuries might be sustained during a slip or a fall despite the safety systems in place. Only experienced climbers/belayers should be roped climbing and belaying.

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- There will be an additional risk of reduced visibility as the event will take place in darkness. All climbers and belayers must wear head torches at all times.
- There will be an additional risk of dropping head torch from height. Climbers and belayers must ensure that their head torches are fitted securely. People not taking part in belaying should stand away from wall.

Lead Climbing is an advanced roped climbing activity which carries some additional risk of injury due to the potential for longer falls. It is possible to sustain ankle and wrist injuries from impacting the wall when falling. Only experienced climbers/belayers should be lead climbing and belaying.

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- There will be an additional risk of dropping head torch from height. Climbers and belayers must ensure that their head torches are fitted securely. People not taking part in belaying should stand away from wall.

RISKS – SALE OF ALCOHOL

The sale of alcohol at the after party will be permitted only to individuals who have finished climbing for the evening. You must change out of your climbing gear and your hand will be stamped to show you have made the decision to finish climbing. Once you have purchased alcohol you are no longer permitted to climb anywhere at the Castle for the remainder of the evening.