

Prentice-Cooper State Forest
TN Dept of Agriculture: Division of Forestry

Special Use Permit:
Climbing Bolt Installation

The Division of Forestry must weigh whether a proposed use is compatible with the values that make the forest an irreplaceable forest – including wildlife habitat, natural beauty, clean air and water, recreation opportunities, and forest products. Therefore, certain recreation activities require a Special Use Permit (for example: Installation of climbing bolts). Applicants should note that the permitting process is time-consuming, may require multi-step Forestry Management analysis, and ultimately may not be approved. To reduce the workload on Forestry staff, permits are to be reviewed by a climber liaison specified in the Prentice-Cooper Climbing Management Guidelines, who will then forward the permit to the Forestry office. Effort should be made to get questions and inquiries answered by the liaison before contacting Forestry. Send inquiries to info@seclimbers.org. Please allow up to three weeks for confirmation.

Summary of Bolting Guidelines:

- 1) Bolts, hangers and fasteners must be stainless steel.
- 2) Hangers must be camouflaged with dull paint to reduce shininess and make them less noticeable.
- 3) No webbing, rope, etc should be permanently “fixed” on anchors, trees or cliff in view of the trail.

I have read and agree to the above mentioned Bolting Guidelines. _____ (initial)

Name of Installer (Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Physical Location of Bolt(s) in relation to other routes and landmarks:

Estimated Number of Bolts: _____ Estimated Height of Route: _____

Describe belay/rappel scenario for this route: _____

Other Notes: _____

Installer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____
(Forestry Manager, Print Name)

Forestry Signature: _____ Date: _____