

WICHITA MOUNTAINS ROCK CLIMBING & RAPPELLING

Join Outdoor Recreation on one of two trips this fall to the Wichita Mountain National Wildlife Refuge for some “real” rock climbing.

Forget that whole “indoor climbing gym” thing and try your hand at climbing some real rock. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced climber, the Wichita’s offer everything from bouldering to lead climbing. We can take you to some easy beginner routes fit even for the youngest of climbers or some solid 5-9’s, 5-10’s, and up. If you want to learn to lead climb, we can fix you up there as well.

All our instructors are climbing certified and recently certified Wilderness First Responders. We provide top notch gear that is checked regularly for any signs of weakness or age and replaced accordingly.

While there, enjoy classic Wichita Mountain scenery; an unspoiled, 59,000-acre refuge bursting with things to see. These grasslands provide refuge for herds of native grazing animals to roam free such as bison, elk, deer, wild turkey, red-tailed hawks, a prairie-dog town and longhorn cattle. Native plants and grasses such as bunch grass, post oak and blackjacks can also be seen. Both of these trips are smack dab in the middle of the elk rut and you might hear them bugling across the landscape.

Camping will be at Camp Doris Campground, located inside the refuge. Potable water, restroom and shower facilities are provided.

This trip includes all transportation, camp fees, camping gear, climbing gear, instruction and 2 meals; dinner Saturday and Breakfast Sunday. Participants should bring a sack lunch for Saturday and money to eat on the way back Sunday.

Minimum Age: 10

For more information or to sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 734-3162.