Adventure Trips

Can I register for a trip at the pre-trip meeting?
Yes, you can register for a trip at the pre-trip meeting although it is not recommended as most of our trips are full before the pre-trip meeting. It is strongly recommended to register in advance to ensure that you have a spot on the trip.

Can I bring a non-UMD guest on an adventure trip?
No, only UMD students, faculty and staff with active RecWell memberships are able to participate on adventure trips.

What is included in the cost of an adventure trip?
Transportation, equipment rental, camping fees, park entrance fees, and trained trip leaders are included in the cost of each trip. On trips of three days length or longer, backcountry meals are also included.

Can I use personal transportation for adventure trips?
No, you cannot use personal transportation for adventure trips. It is required that you use the provided university transportation. Trips begin and end at the Adventure Program and transportation will depart from and return to the Adventure Program in the Eppley Recreation Center.

Equipment Rental

Who can rent equipment from the Adventure Program?
Any full-time UMD student or RecWell member can rent equipment from the Adventure Program.

What happens if I return my equipment late?
Late returns are subject to a late fee. The standard daily rental rate will be charged for each day the equipment is late; after 10 days a replacement fee will be charged.

Am I responsible if I break or damage the equipment that I rent?
Yes, all equipment is inspected before it is rented out. Retail price + 10% will be charged for any lost or damaged equipment beyond repair as determined by Adventure Program Professional Staff.
Bike Shop

Who can use the RecWell Bike Shop?
Any current UMD student, faculty, staff, or RecWell member can get their bike repaired at the Bike Shop. Only people with an active RecWell membership can rent a bike.

How much does it cost to get my bike fixed?
All service is free at the RecWell Bike Shop! However, unlike a traditional Bike Shop, we ask that you get involved in the repair process. Our student mechanics will work with you to learn about, fix, and maintain your bike.

Can I leave my bike at the RecWell Bike Shop?
No, you must stay with your bike at all times. If you need to leave your bike, you may lock your bike up outside at one of the public bike racks.

Challenge Course

Who can participate?
In addition to groups from the UMD campus, public and private groups from the community are welcome to participate in programs on the Challenge Course.

When can a group use the Challenge Course?
We operate day or night (with our huge stadium lights!), seven days a week. There are a limited number of available reservations. The first step is to fill out a program request form.

How large of a group can you accommodate?
We can usually accommodate a group of up to 100 people and have a minimum group size of 6 people. We do work with larger groups from time to time, so please check-in with the Coordinator for Adventure Trips & Challenge Course, Meghan Loughry, at mloughry@umd.edu if you have questions about accommodating larger groups. For groups over 16 people, we will most likely split the group into smaller groups due to the nature of our activities.

What do I bring the day of a challenge course program?
- Closed toe athletic shoes are required.
- Water bottle and a snack for during your breaks.
- Rain gear - programs continue outdoors, rain or shine.

DO NOT wear or bring:
- Platform, heeled or slippery shoes; sandals, flip-flops or open-toe shoes
- Jewelry, large belt buckles or long earrings
- Dress clothing or clothes that cannot get dirty or sweaty
- Pets

What if it rains?
In the case of light rain, we can still offer outdoor programming depending on the comfort level of the group. In the case of heavy rain or severe weather, we have indoor space available and will facilitate a team building workshop focusing on group goals and dynamics, similar to the low team elements outside. We do not have indoor climbing facilities.

Climbing Wall

Who can use the Climbing Wall?
Current full-time students and RecWell members. Members can also sponsor non-members with our guest pass policy.

How much does it cost to participate and what’s included?
Use of the Climbing Wall and Bouldering Grotto is included in student fees and membership fees. Use of harnesses, climbing shoes, and helmets is included at no additional cost.

Can the Climbing Wall be reserved?
Groups can reserve our 55-foot climbing wall for recreational climbing. Recreational climbing wall rentals include basic equipment for participants as well as a staff led orientation to climbing. To reserve time at our wall, email Alex Gebhart at agebhart@umd.edu.

How large of a group can you accommodate?
We can accommodate a group of up to 50 people and have a minimum group size of 10 people. If you have questions about accommodating larger groups, contact the Coordinator of Bike Shop, Climbing Wall & Rental Desk, Alex Gebhart, at agebhart@umd.edu.

What if it rains?
In the case of light rain, the wall will remain open. Please check the RecWell website for notifications regarding weather closures.

What paperwork is required prior to climbing?
Read and sign the Release and Informed Consent Agreement. This must be done on an annual basis. Participants under the age of 18 will need to fill out the Minor Release and Informed Consent Agreement and will need a parental or guardian signature on this form, except for UMD students that are under the age of 18.