



Guidebooks Flash Clinic

Climbing outside is fun and challenging. Sometimes the biggest challenge can be finding your crag or boulder. Join us for a general education on guidebooks and associated resources to understand how to locate your desired climbing area and know what you are looking at once you get there. The first part of the clinic will be a sit down introduction to all the various resources. The second part will be a field activity to locate and identify a specific climb and draw your very own topo.

Flash clinics are small clinics of up to 4 hours focusing on one climbing topic or skill.

Location: The Seattle Mountaineers

Pre-Requisites: None.

Student Equipment

1. Notebook for notes/drawings (a hard book/surface to write on)
2. Pens/pencils

Student Equipment (optional)

1. Guidebook of any area

Language

Certain language and cultural norms of the mainstream climbing community are not acceptable in our climbing classes. This is not an all encompassing list, nor is it here to chastise: we are all here to learn together. It takes a group effort to make an inclusive space.

- belay slave: say *Dedicated Belayer/Designated Belayer*
- biner: say *Carabiner*
- bomber: say *Solid/Strong/In tight*
- Chinese virus: say *Novel Coronavirus/Coronavirus/COVID*
- crazy/insane/nuts/psycho: say *Unreal/Ludicrous/Dreamlike*
- fireman's belay: say *Firefighter's belay*
- girlfriend climb: *Describe the climb as a warm up or easy, etc*
- guys (when referring to a mixed gender audience): say *people/everyone/folks/team/you all/etc*



- [savage](#): say *Cool!/Awesome!/Rad!/j Venga!/Crushing!Nice!So strong!/Wild!/Unreal!/etc*
- [sketchy/shady](#): say *Scary/Nervy/Challenging/Unsure/Downright dangerous*
- gear/climbing [junkie/fiend](#): say *Gear/Climbing Enthusiast/Gear Collector*
- Seattle [native](#): say *Seattle born and raised*

We encourage you to bring your own culture and swag into the language as long as it is not rooted in another's oppression or humiliation. Have fun with the language!

As far as offensive route names: there is a movement to change that, at least on Mountain Project. If you see any offensive route names, use the MP flagging feature to let them know it's not appropriate.

Sitdown Overview:

1. Options to find a crag
 - a. Mountain Project
 - b. Google Maps
 - c. Guidebook

Interpret example crag at the Mountaineers