Attention Climbers!

Before you get to sending please read me.

Giant City State Park Visitors Center
(618) 457-4836
235 Giant City Rd.
Makanda, Illinois 62958
Climb on!

Welcome to Giant City State Park! We hope you enjoy your time climbing on some of Southern Illinois finest sandstone! We offer bouldering in the park as well as trad routes and places to set up top ropes. There are even a couple of wonderful multi-pitch routes. Rappelling is also welcome here. Climbing is only allowed in two places in the park. Devils Standtable and Shelter one.

Guide books, information and equipment can be purchased at Shawnee Trails in Carbondale. Giant City does not provide equipment.

When climbing in the park please observe Leave No Trace practices:

Stay on trails

Minimize impact on vegetation, climb around it

Look for durable surfaces to stage on such as rock or gravel

Clean up tick marks

Use a chalk ball or keep bag closed to avoid spills, clean up if they occur

Never chip holds

Pack out trash you find

Avoid removing loose rock unless it is for safety reasons

Avoid tying your rope directly to a tree. Use a sling instead. Where possible, use fixed bolts, such as at Shelter one.

Please do not disturb wildlife, the bluffs are home to many animals such as bats, birds and snakes.

Climb at your own risk!

Climbing and related activities are inherently dangerous. Use of proper safety equipment and procedures is encouraged.

In the event of an emergency call 911. The nearest hospital is located in Carbondale.