

David E. Fairley

Climbing/Guiding Resume

Biographical Overview: Born in Torrance, CA, May 25, 1968; moved to Upstate New York in 1972; moved to California in 1992. Most of my experience relates to these two regions, but I've traveled to all lower 48 states, having outdoor experiences in many of them, and have also had international outdoor experiences in Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Canada, the Dominican Republic, and Columbia. I have personal experience, guiding experience, training and/or certificates in the following outdoor activities: rock climbing, mountaineering, winter mountaineering and travel, caving, vertical caving, cave surveying, technical canyoneering, desert travel, low and high ropes course facilitation and rescue, portable high ropes set up and facilitation, Tyrolean traverse, ice climbing, vertical rescue, glacier travel & crevasse rescue, avalanche, cave rescue, wilderness emergency medicine and evacuation, orienteering, map and compass navigation, small and large group guiding and outdoor facilitation, risk management, initiative games facilitation, Leave No Trace ethics, and, of course, extensive on & off trail backpacking.

In the following, "several" means 2-4 times, and "many" means 5 or more times. Starting in 1994, the majority of my below mentioned climbing and outdoor experiences were as a guide.

1978 – 1986 Youth Era in Upstate NY

- First Aid & CPR Certificates

Climbed approx. 30 of the 46 Adirondack High Peaks, NY – all Class 1-4 routes
Extensive backpacking in Adirondack Mountains, NY
Split Mountain, Kings Canyon NP, CA – during 100 mile hike on John Muir Trail
Caving in Onondaga, Albany, and Schoharie Counties, NY – non-technical
Winter experiences with downhill skiing, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, etc., NY

1987 – 1991 College Era at Houghton College, NY

- Member of Houghton College, NY Outdoor Club
- Completed Outdoor Leadership Training course (OLT), receiving 3 college credits from Houghton College, NY, May 1990; course consisted of instructor level training in rock climbing, ropes course facilitation, backpacking, and other Outward Bound style activities.
- Interned as an outdoor & climbing instructor during OLT class with Houghton College.
- Instructed several groups in climbing, camping, & other experiences for Camp Li-Lo-Li, NY.
- Ropes Course Instructor, hiking & youth instructor at Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je, NY
- Canoe instructor at Delta Lake Bible Camp, NY
- Advanced First Aid & CPR Certificates

Rattle Snake Point, Toronto, Canada; many trips – various top ropes & leads, 5.1 – 5.10

Chapel Pond Slab, Adirondacks, NY – 5 pitches, 5.4
Shawangunks, NY, several trips – 1-3 pitches, various leads, 5.4 – 5.10
Little Rock City, Olean, NY, several trips – various top ropes, 5.7 – 5.9
Allegheny Reservoir, Allegheny National Forest, PA – top rope, 5.8
Horseshoe Reservoir, Fort Collins, CO – various top ropes, 5.8 – 5.10
The Needles, Black Hills, SD; several trips – various top ropes & leads, 5.6 – 5.8
Niagara River Gorge, Canada – various top ropes
Unknown Dome in South Carolina, 3 pitches, 5.4
Various top rope climbs in unknown Central & Western New York State areas
Caving in Onondaga, Albany, & Schoharie Counties – technical vertical caving
Caving in Friar's Hole, WV; several trips – technical vertical caving
Some backpacking in Adirondacks, NY

1992 – 1993 Post College Experience – CA

- Led guided climbing experiences for kids at a Pythias Camp, CA

Chimney Rocks, Kings Canyon NP, CA; many trips – 1-3 pitches, 5.5 – 5.9
Tahquitz Rock, Idyllwild, CA – 2 pitches, 5.4
Moro Rock, Sequoia NP, CA – 8 pitches, 5.7
Pinnacles NM, CA – various leads, 5.7 – 5.8
Red Rocks of Las Vegas, NV – 6 pitches, 5.6
Buena Vista Peak, Sequoia NF, CA – 5.7
Hospital Rock, Sequoia NP, CA – 2 pitches, 5.7
Rocky Hill, Exeter, CA – top ropes, 5.6 – 5.9
Buttermilks, Bishop, CA – various top ropes & leads, 5.8 – 5.10
Little Egypt, Bishop, CA – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.8
Mount Conness, Inyo NF, CA – class 3
Mount Gould, Inyo NF, CA – class 2
White Chief Mountain, Sequoia NF, CA – class 3
Cardinal Spire, Inyo NF, CA – 6 pitches, 5.6
Caving in various caves of Sequoia NF & Sequoia/Kings NP, CA
Backpacking in Sierras, CA

1994 – 1996 Sea & Summit Staffing Period – Santa Barbara, CA

- Began working fulltime for Sea & Summit Expeditions of Santa Barbara, CA, in January of 1994, guiding many rock climbing, mountaineering, backpacking, and other back country experiences for groups of youth & adults.
- Received extensive mentoring in climbing, mountaineering, avalanche, winter mountaineering, vertical rescue, other technical & non-technical outdoor adventure sports, & outdoor group instruction from Will Toms, director for 17 years of Sea & Summit Expeditions.
- Wafa Certificate from Wilderness Medical Associates (winter of 1994); CPR Cert.

Chimney Rocks, Kings Canyon NP, CA; many trips – 1-3 pitches, 5.4 – 5.10
Dome Rock, Sequoia NF, CA; many trips – 1-4 pitches, 5.4 – 5.9

Various formations, Dome Land Wilderness, Sequoia NF, CA – 5.5 – 5.9
 Buttermilks, Bishop, CA – various top ropes & leads, 5.8 – 5.10
 Little Egypt, Inyo NF, CA – various top ropes, 5.4 – 5.8
 Intake II, Inyo NF, CA – various top ropes, 5.4 – 5.8
 Joshua Tree NP, CA – various top ropes & 1-2 pitch leads, 5.7 – 5.10
 Mineral King, Sequoia NP, CA – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.10
 Moro Rock, Sequoia NP, CA – 6 pitches, 5.9
 Heller Rocks, Ridgecrest, CA, several trips – various top ropes & 1-2 pitches, 5.7 – 5.10
 Big Rock, Riverside Co., CA – 2 pitches, 5.9
 Gibraltar Rock, Santa Barbara, CA, many trips – various top ropes & leads, 5.5 – 5.10
 San Ysidro, Santa Barbara, CA, many trips – various top ropes & leads, 5.6 – 5.11
 Sespe Gorge, Los Padres NF, CA; several trips – 3-4 pitches, 5.7 – 5.8
 Bishops Peak, San Luis Obispo, CA; several trips – various leads, 5.8 – 5.10
 Cardinal Spire, Inyo NF, CA – 6 pitches, 5.6
 Southwest Coast, Dominican Republic – various top ropes & leads, 5.6 – 5.8
 Various formations around Santa Barbara, CA – top ropes & leads, 5.6 – 5.10
 Mt Humphries, Inyo NF, CA – spring ascent in full pack, 3 days on East Arête, 5.4
 Mt Emerson, Inyo NF, CA; 2 trips – spring ascents, once 5.5 & once 4th class
 Vandever Mountain, Sequoia NP, CA – class 2
 Peak 11,780, Mineral King, Sequoia NP, CA; several ascents – 4th class
 White Chief Peak, Sequoia NP, CA; several ascents – 1-3rd class routes
 Bear Creek Spire, Inyo NF, CA – winter ascent, Northeast Ridge, 5.5
 Mt. Shasta, CA – winter ascent, Sargents Ridge, 75 mph winds stopped us at 12,000 ft
 Caving in Crystal Cave, Sequoia NP, CA – surveying trip
 Caving in Dominican Republic – technical vertical caving
 Ice Climb at Angel Falls, NY – top rope
 Set up and facilitated many Tyrolean Traverses and portable high rope events
 Extensive backpacking in Sierras and other CA mountain ranges, including class 3 & 4 routes

1997 – 2000 Sea & Summit Director – Santa Barbara, CA Era

- Took over as Director of Sea & Summit Expeditions during summer of 1996.
- Established the School of Outdoor Adventure Recreation (SOAR) in 1998, a now college accredited, 6 month, guide training course through the University of the Nations, Hawaii.
- WFR Certificate from YWAM Wilderness Associates (April 1997). CPR Cert.'s
- WFR Coordinator, Staff & Certificate with YWAM WA (April 1998, 1999, 2000).
- Avalanche Level I Cert., YWAM WA (Spring 1999); Vertical & Glacier rescue training.
- Ropes Course Facilitation & Rescue Certificate from Teamworks, Santa Barbara, CA (May 1998)
- Became Trustee of Crystal Cave, Sequoia NP

Chimney Rocks, Kings Canyon NP, CA; many trips – 1-3 pitches, 5.5 – 5.10
 Trilogy Rock, Sequoia NF, CA; many trips – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.10

Dome Land Wilderness, Sequoia NF; many trips – various formations, 5.5 – 5.10
 Fossil Falls, Ridgecrest BLM, CA; many trips – various top ropes & leads – 5.5 – 5.11
 Mineral King, Sequoia NP, CA – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.9
 South Lake, Inyo NF, CA – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.9
 Bailey, CO – various top ropes, 5.7 – 5.8
 Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO – lead, 5.7
 Gibraltar Rock, Santa Barbara, CA, many trips – various top ropes & leads, 5.5 – 5.10
 San Ysidro, Santa Barbara, CA, many trips – various top ropes & leads, 5.6 – 5.10
 Sespe Gorge, Los Padres NF, CA; several trips – 3-4 pitches, 5.6 – 5.8
 Pine Mountain Climbs, Los Padres NF, CA; several trips – various top ropes, 5.5 – 5.10
 Paria Canyon, UT – 1-2 pitches, 5.4 – 5.10
 Jacks Canyon, Flagstaff, AZ; several trips – various leads, 5.4 – 5.8
 Various formations around Santa Barbara, CA; many trips – top ropes & leads, 5.6 – 5.10
 Mt Emerson, Inyo NF, CA – early spring ascent, 4th class
 Four Gables, Inyo NF, CA – early spring ascent, on backcountry snowshoe trek
 Florence Peak, Sequoia NP, CA – 6 pitches, 5.4
 Peak 11,780, Mineral King, Sequoia NP, CA – 4th class
 Peak 12,362, Inyo NF, CA – 3rd class
 Mt. Basin, Inyo NF, CA – early spring ascent, 4th class
 Mt. Mendel, Kings Can. NP, CA – spring, Northeast Ridge variat., uncompleted, 5th class
 Mt. Goethe, Sierra NF, CA – 4th class
 September Peak, Sierra NF, CA – 4th class
 Mt. Shasta, CA – Whitney-Bolam Ridge, turned again by weather
 Middle Teton, Teton NP, WY – winter ascent, turned 600 ft from top at turn around time
 Waputik Ice Fields, Banff NP, Canada – winter, multi-day ski trip
 Unnamed peak in Jasper NP, Canada – winter, not completed
 Caving in Crystal Cave, Sequoia NP, CA; many trips – became Cave Trustee
 Caving in Arizona, Arkansas, & other California caves – some technical vertical
 Ice Climb in Wind River Range, WY – top rope
 Ice Climb near Moscow, ID – free solo
 Canyoneering in various canyons in CA, UT & AZ, technical & non-technical
 Set up and facilitated many Tyrolean Traverses and portable high rope events
 Extensive backpacking in Sierras and other CA mountain ranges, including class 3 & 4 routes

2001 – 2007 Sea & Summit Director – Bishop, CA Era

- Continued as Director of Sea & Summit Expeditions, moving the program from Santa Barbara to Bishop, CA. Expanded running some courses internationally (Kyrgyzstan and Mexico).
- Established Wilderness Discipleship Training School (WDTS) in 2001, a college accredited, 6 month, prerequisite to the SOAR; WDTS is a combination of an Outward Bound style semester course, personal growth experience, and 2 months international experience.
- WFR Coordinator, Staff & Certificate with YWAM WA (April 2002, 2005, 2006); CPR Cert.'s

- Avalanche Level II Cert., YWAM WA (March 2002); further vertical rescue training from an AMGA Guide.
- “Orientation to Cave Rescue” course by the National Cave Rescue Commission (August 2003).
- Became Trustee of Lost Soldiers Cave, Sequoia NP, CA, and a Designated Trip Leader for Church Cave, Sequoia NF, CA, both vertical environments.

Owens River Gorge, Bishop, CA – various leads, 5.6 – 5.8

Heller Rocks, Ridgecrest BLM, CA, several trips – various top ropes, 5.7 – 5.10

Chimney Rocks, Kings Canyon NP, CA; many trips – top ropes, 5.5 – 5.9

Twin Peak, Sequoia NP, CA; many trips – fixed line guiding, 5.0

Kettle Peak, Sequoia NF, CA; many trips – fixed line guiding, 5.4

South Sierra Wilderness, Sequoia NF, CA; several trips – leads & fixed lines, 5.4 – 5.8

Fossil Falls, Ridgecrest BLM, CA; several trips – various top ropes & aide, 5.5 – 5.10

North Fork Big Pine Creek, Inyo NF, CA; several trips – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.9

North Lake Slab, Inyo NF, CA; several trips – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.9

Iris Slab, Inyo NF, CA; several trips – various top ropes, 5.7 – 5.9

South Lake, Inyo NF, CA – various top ropes, 5.6 – 5.8

Mt. Humphreys, Inyo NF, CA – spring ascent, North Couloir, 4th class, turned at 13,500

Hurd Peak, Inyo NF, CA – fixed line guiding on 4th class terrain

15,000+ ft unclimbed peak, Tien Shan Mountains, Kyrgyzstan – 3 glaciers, 5.4 route

Pico De Orizaba (18,490 ft), Mexico – Jamapa Glacier route

Peak 12,241, Inyo NF, CA – 11 pitches of Peaklet Wall variation, Grade III, 5.9

Caving in Crystal Cave, Sequoia NP, CA; many trips – mostly non-technical

Caving in Lost Soldiers Cave, Sequoia NP, CA; many trips – technical vertical

Caving in Church Cave, Sequoia NF, CA; several trips – technical vertical & non

Caving in Sequoia NP, Sequoia NF, & Lava Beds NM, CA – technical vertical & non

Caving & cave surveying in & for Inyo NF, CA – technical vertical & non

Ice Climbing at June Lake Wall, Inyo NF, CA; several trips – top rope

Ice Climbing near Naryn, Kyrgyzstan; many trips – top rope & free solo

Canyoneering in various canyons in CA & UT – technical & non-technical

Set up and facilitated many Tyrolean Traverses and portable high rope events

Extensive backpacking in Sierras and other CA mountain ranges, including class 3 & 4 routes