

Carolina Blue Sky Zip Line FAQ's and Tips

Zip Line open Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm

Who's eligible to ZIP?

1. A minor may zip if the parent or guardian is present with them on the trip and/or signed minor's waiver form. Minors 13 – 17 years old must have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian and be accompanied by an adult chaperone. A child 12 or under must have a parent/guardian on site.
2. Anyone may zip who weighs at least 80 pounds, is 6 years old or older and is at least 48 inches tall.
3. Anyone may zip who has a level of maturity that would allow them to handle instructions and be at height off the ground.
4. Anyone may zip who can listen to instructions and stay focused. There will be times of rest and relaxation on the tours while at height.
5. Anyone may zip who is able to reach the various safety clip-in points. The tour guides will attach the clients, but the participant should be able to climb around and reach hand holds and cables during the tour.
6. In order to zip, the participant must fit in the harnesses we have. The harnesses we use will usually fit sizes from 80 pounds up to 260 pounds and are rated to 7,000 pounds. Smaller or larger sizes are not always available.

Does it operate in the rain?

Yes, but not in lightning storms or heavy winds.

What do I wear?

Wear comfortable clothing. Most of our participants enjoy zipping in long pants or shorts, T-shirts and running shoes. Skirts or dresses are not acceptable.

Closed-toe shoes are important. You cannot zip in bare feet or flip-flops. Shoes with laces should be tied. Lightweight rain gear is recommended in certain conditions.

Important Safety tips!

Remove valuable items from pockets and secure them.

Pull hair back and tuck it inside your helmet or shirt. Secure loose items away from the pulley.

Don't grab the cable!

The system uses a passive breaking system, so no hand braking is required. This means that you don't have to manage your own speed and are safer by the design of the tour. Our trained guides will attach you to the pulley (19,000 pounds) at about an arm's reach away from the cable. Keep your hands off the cable and enjoy the ride.

Stay upright!

Hanging up side down creates safety concerns for the tour guides. One, it puts your feet over your head and you run the risk of passing out. It also puts your shoes and shoelaces up by the pulley and they could get caught in the pulley wheels. Overall, it is just considered poor practice and should be avoided.

Cameras!

Everyone wants to remember their trip. If you bring a camera, also bring the protective case and a means to secure it to your person while you have your hands busy holding onto your safety tethers. Dropping your digital camera is never fun and often, you may not be in a position to recover it.

Safety!

The Carolina Adventure World Blue Sky ZipLine was built by EBL, the leader in Zip Line construction industry in the U.S.A. There is a recent trend in the market today to install dual cable zip lines. EBL has examined this trend and the pros and cons of a dual line cable system. EBL has determined that if engineered correctly the first time, there is no need for a second cable. They believe there is no need to complicate the system by installing twice the product for the added opportunity for something ~~else to go wrong or get entangled. In short, Keep It Simple!~~ EBL promotes a thorough inspection schedule and utilizes 26,600 pound test cable. All of the EBL designs are engineered, wet stamped, and comply with the Professional Ropes Course Association (PRCA) zip line installation standards.

Happy Zipping! Happy Zipping! Happy Zipping! Happy Zipping! Happy Zipping!

More Information

Eats and Drinks!

You should eat and drink something about two hours before the tour but allow yourself 30 minutes without food or water just before the tour. You don't want to show up to a 2-3 hour tour and get hungry along the way. It is also hard to zip around with a loose water bottle in your hands. If you have low blood sugar, pack a candy or energy bar for some fast energy during your trip.

The zip lines themselves can be very long and designed to operate within a minimum and maximum weight range. The lightest weight range course that I am aware of is about 54 pounds. This is our tour is in Kauai, Hawaii.

Lastly, keep in mind that not all zip line tours are the same. You will have canopy / tree top tours and you will have what we coined the phrase for of "zero elevation" tours. While a canopy zip line tour is just that, in the trees amongst the canopy, zero elevation tours start and finish at ground level. These tours are designed to zip you over natural features, off cliffs, and/or down stream beds.

EBL is the premier and original installer of zip line / canopy tours in the United States since our first tour installation in 2002. Since then, EBL has played a direct role in standards development for this new adventure tour experience. After many installations and numerous consulting projects, EBL continues to be the leader with our engineered designs and safer operation procedures.

EBL is an Accredited Vendor with the Professional Ropes Course Association

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as a Qualified Zip Line / Canopy Tour Professional. EBL is the first and only company
presently in the United States to have achieved this status.

EBL and its regional partners are committed to your safety. Through rigorous design and over 1 million successful zip experiences to date, we are continually developing new and improved systems that allow you to have a safe and worry free experience. You can be assured that when you are participating on an EBL installed, inspected, and trained canopy tour, your safety has been our top priority, followed by your having a FUN experience!

EBL has been purposeful with our design and selection of harness systems, including your lanyards, helmet, pulley, and the training curriculum that the guides receive. Our methods have been proven sound by experience, destructive testing of our product line, and professionally reviewed and installed to licensed Professional Engineer specifications. When you participate on an EBL canopy tour, thousands of hours behind the scenes have been devoted to keeping your experience safe. We are committed to safer operations and continually work within the adventure industry to bring new technologies online to enhance your experiences.