

New River Gorge Bridge Day Rappel 2022

As of September 12

- The largest Bridge Day was in the mid 90's, 250,000 people. **EXPECT A VERY LARGE CROWD THIS YEAR!**
- Bridge Day Rappel 2022 will be 20 teams, 250+ rappellers, and 26 rigged ropes.

Anchor	Team Name	Group Leader	From
1	Extreme Rappels 1	Michael Phelps	Ohio
2	Canadian Fire	Tony Macdonald	Canada
3	Monongahela Grotto	Brian Masney	West Virginia
4	Rackoons	Andrew Rentzel	West Virginia
5	High-Hangin' Hoosiers	Dean A Wiseman	Indiana
6	Chattanooga Grotto	Philip R Rykwaldner	Tennessee
7	A Frayed Knot	Don Straw	Pennsylvania
8	The TAG Team	Darien Dopp	Tennessee
9	Born Rescue Riggers	Russ Born	Ohio
10	Team Poseidon	Victoria Airey	Maryland
11	Kentucky Drop Outs	Larry Martin	Kentucky
12	Safety	Robert Barbarini	Pennsylvania
13	VBATS	Harold Calvert	Alabama
14	United Throat Punchers	Glen Kuehner	Florida
15	SB Rescue Group	Jon Tobin	Ohio
16	Spread 'em and drop	Matt Vickey	Pennsylvania
17	Black Swamp Brigade	Ken Adams	Ohio
18	OHKY	Greg Matulionis	Ohio
19	Highline	Larry Smith	Ohio
20	Extreme Rappels 2	John Cadle	Ohio

- You **should** have a photo ID with you at all times.
- Since 2005 Bridge Day has begun and ended with the raising and lowering of the American and West Virginia FLAGS. This year...

Ascending	US Flag	Patrick Wilson, Dalton, GA.	Chattanooga Grotto
	WV Flag	Brandon Powers, Chattanooga, TN	Chattanooga Grotto
Descending	US Flag	Christopher Niese, Amelia, OH	Born Rescue Riggers
	WV Flag	Sarah Niese, Amelia Ohio	Born Rescue Riggers
- A Bridge Day high line has been done every year since 2001. The first high line was 1994. Larry Smith and his team are offering the high line. This is the 21st year for the high line. There have been over 2,400 riders.
- There are **NO REFUNDS** if the event is changed, canceled for any reason, you back out, or you do **not** show.
- Inclement weather may force the delay or cancellation of all Bridge Day activities. The catwalk can be 10-15 degrees colder than the roadside temperature.
- **Robert Barbarani** is our **2022 Safety Officer**. He will have a safety team on the catwalk. Please follow the directions of the safety team at all times.

- **Security** will be stationed at each end of the Bridge and at each end of the catwalk. Have your badge visible and your photo ID easily accessible. Expect to empty your pack and be searched. Attitudes and uncooperative behavior will prevent access.
- **NO SMOKING** on the catwalk.
- **NO SPEED RAPPEL**
- The following **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** on Bridge Day: knotted ropes, figure 8's, mini-rack, sandals, upside down rappel, antlers, fishing poles, costume accessories or anything that might interfere with other rappellers. Anyone doing what is **not** allowed will have that team's anchor closed.
- Thank you for your continued cooperation, patience, and participation.
- **Timeline...**

To September 30	Individual & Bottom Pass Registration bridgedayrappel.com
To October 2	High Line Registration bridgedayrappel.com
October 13, Thursday	Rig High Line
October 14, Friday	High Line 9 am – 3 pm 11 am - 6 pm Registration at Bridge Walk 7:30-9:30 pm Orientation at Memorial Building
October 15, Saturday	9 am - 3 pm 42 nd Bridge Day
October 16, Sunday	High Line 9 am – 3 pm (offered by Benjy)

2018 two injuries, ankle and badly burnt hands.
2019 two ropes were pulled from the Bridge.
2020-21 Covid

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2022 bridge day on the bridge