

# 2016 BRIDGE DAY HIGH LINE GUIDELINES

## Bridge Day, Saturday, October 15, 2016

Thank you your interest in the New River Gorge Bridge Day High Line on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The 2016 timeline for the High Line is:

March 21 – October 1	Complete an online reservation
October 13, Thursday	Rig High Line
October 14, Friday	Complete rigging; VIP, media, select riders
October 15, Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm	37 <sup>th</sup> Bridge Day

The Bridge Day High Line gives the general public the opportunity to be a Bridge Day participant. Both rappelling and BASE jumping require skill, experience, and equipment. The first New River Gorge Bridge High Line was in 1994. In 2001, when Bridge Day was cancelled, there was a 2,200' high line rigged near the New River Gorge Bridge that extended across the New River Gorge. This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> Bridge Day High Line with over 1,800 riders.

The high line rider will glide from the New River Gorge Bridge's catwalk to State Route 82. Your speed will be controlled by a belayer. You will drop 300 vertical feet while sliding 600-700'.

1. There are limited spaces and registration can be closed at a moment's notice.
2. You must be 10 or older, 4' or taller, and not weight more than 275 lbs.
3. Our harness fits waist sizes 20-52"
4. No experience is needed.
5. The cost per person is \$155 plus tax; \$164.30.
6. Reservations are "*first come, first serve.*" You must pay at the time you register accepting that there are **no refunds** for whatever reason. Someone may take your space if we are notified by October 1, 2016 and your substitute's personal information is given to us.
7. Anyone wishing to do the Bridge Day High Line can sign up online March 16 – October 1 at [www.bridgedayrappel.com](http://www.bridgedayrappel.com) and pay the fee. Within 10 days you will be notified that we have received your application.
8. You do not need a Paypal account to make the payment. Paypal accepts most credit cards. You can pay with a check mailed to POB 71 Fayetteville, West Virginia 25840.
9. We will operate rain or shine, and there are no refunds if you change your mind, the event is cancelled, or you do not show.
10. On Bridge Day, you will need to meet us on the **north** end of the New River Gorge Bridge at a time to be announced in October in an email or letter we will send to you.

11. Each high line rider will complete and sign an acceptance of risk and liability waiver releasing all people associated with the Bridge Day rappelling and high line (i.e., Bridge Day Commission, Rappel Coordinator, Safety Team). Bridge Day is a public event. Your picture will be taken and you have no control on how it may be shown (i.e., as a composite or as distorted in character or form).
12. The high line rider will receive an orientation, safety briefing, and be outfitted with equipment.
13. Please be patient and **not** in a hurry. By the time you meet us at the booth, safety briefing, put on a harness, walk out on the catwalk, wait your turn, ride the High Line, and get a shuttle back to the top, 2-3 hours of your Bridge Day will go by.
14. Warm clothes are recommended because it can be chilly on the catwalk. The catwalk can be 10-15 degrees colder than what it is roadside.
15. Please bring limited "stuff". You may bring a camera which will be attached to you.
16. You will have the option of riding single or tandem with another person. Everyone may have to ride tandem if weather is a concern and/or time becomes an issue.
17. There is a shuttle from the landing zone back to the New River Gorge Bridge. There are **two** ways you can return to the Bridge from the High Line landing zone (LZ).
  - You can receive a wrist band that will allow you to ride the Into The Gorge shuttle buses throughout the day. After riding the High Line, you may wish to get off the bus at Fayette Station, watch the BASE jumpers, and catch another bus later. If you lose the wrist band, you will lose access to the shuttle buses and it is a long walk to US Route 19 (i.e., 4 miles).

**Or**

  - You can ride the Bridge Walk white bus back to the Ames Height/Lansing roads intersection.

Please make a decision and let us know which shuttle option you wish to do.
18. No one will be allowed to go underneath the New River Gorge Bridge with you.
19. All persons going beneath the New River Gorge Bridge are subject to a law enforcement security check.
20. Please email [benjy@bridgewalk.com](mailto:benjy@bridgewalk.com) with your questions and/or concerns.

We look forward to sharing with you Bridge Day, the underside of the New River Gorge Bridge, the fall colors of the New River Gorge, and the excitement of descending from the New River Gorge Bridge's catwalk.

## **New River Gorge Bridge Day Rappel**

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