Zipline / Canopy Tours

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As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access the activity area are in place

✓ Ensure **insurance** is in place for participants and team

✓ Identify **health & safety risks**, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment

✓ Verify that **course construction** was undertaken and approved by suitably qualified parties

✓ Confirm that suitably qualified parties designed, manufactured, and installed **safety equipment & systems**, and that they conduct regular independent safety inspections

✓ **Monitor** course and safety equipment / systems according to manufacturer's specifications

✓ Ensure there are enough team members available in case of **emergency**

✓ Inspect course and activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity

✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order

✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing

✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, provide adequate **waste** collection facilities for safe disposal (or pack out what you take in), and pick up any rubbish found along the way

✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., cleaning products

✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly

✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy

✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with

✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability

✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & planet, and ensure safe guide : participant ratio

✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks

✓ **Brief participants** before the activity begins about do's and don'ts, what to expect, how to safely navigate the course, hazards to be aware of, group pace and communication, logistics, not disturbing / removing flora and fauna, rubbish collection and disposal, and 'bush toilet' etiquette

✓ Assess participant's **understanding** of safe course navigation instructions

✓ Ensure a **top rope belay** system is in place and that participants are always secured at height

✓ **Manage participant** take off, travel, and dismount effectively, and spotting when necessary

✓ **Share information** about local nature & culture (verbally & via interpretive boards), as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support

✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users

✓ Damage to tree canopy and other natural features from **platforms / structure** is minimised

✓ Course layout blends into **natural surroundings**

✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area

✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns and participate in rehabilitation projects

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