

WATCHTOWER CHALLENGE

The new climbing tower, named “The Watchtower Challenge,” stands 50 feet tall and features two climbing surfaces along with two 350-foot zip lines which allow guests to glide from the top of the structure to the ground in a matter of seconds. The Watchtower Challenge is named after the tallest formation in the Caverns, The Watchtower, which also is 50 feet tall.

THE CLIMBING TOWER: The climbing surfaces are built along two sides of the tower allowing five climbers to participate at the same time on two different climbing surfaces. The front of the tower is 16 feet wide and has an increasing progression of difficulty, including an overhang and negative to positive slope where the climber has to climb out from the surface. The side of the climbing tower is 12 feet wide featuring a positive slope and more frequently placed handholds, making it easier for first-time climbers. There are more than 200 rock handholds along both climbing surfaces. Multiple routes on each climbing surface offer a variety of challenges for beginners and experts alike. Each climber is fitted in a harness and secured from above with a belay line.

THE ZIP LINE: At the top of The Watchtower Challenge, which overlooks the rolling Hill Country landscape, there are two parallel zip lines that extend more than 350 feet, in the opposite direction from the front of the structure. Once hooked onto a zip line via a twin stainless steel pulley, the participant steps off the platform and takes off, reaching speeds up to 25 m.p.h., gliding to the furthest point of the ride. It's the next best thing to flying!