

Snake River BASE Academy

Higher Education for Lower Freefall

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1) Show respect and gratitude for local people: Remember that BASE here is tolerated because of the goodwill of the local people, the farmers, and Air Glacier (the helicopter service based in the valley). Be polite and respectful of local rules, customs and request. Please show your appreciation and gratitude to the local people in any way possible. Bringing gifts from home for the local people, especially the farmers who own the landing areas, is a great way to show the gratitude of international visitors.

2) Call Air Glacier before jumping: Call Air Glacier (+41 (0)33 856 05 60) from the exit point before jumping. Tell them the exit point you are jumping from, and the number of jumpers, and ask permission to jump into their airspace.

3) Do not land in the high grass: Land only in areas with mown grass. Landing in high grass bends the grain, which jams the blades of the farmers' tractors. Check the landing areas before jumping. If you don't see any mown grass areas to land in, do not jump that exit without talking to the farmer who owns the fields before jumping.

4) Do not "manufacture" exits: Altering exit points in any way is bad ethics at this location. Please do not build up launches, cut trees, or make any other modifications to the exit points.

5) Do not underestimate the difficulty of these jumps: This is not an area appropriate for beginner jumpers. Do not be fooled by the videos and popularity of this area. A strong launch and good subterminal track is mandatory to move away from many exit points in the valley.

6) Don't litter: Trash at exit points is bad wilderness ethics, but it's also bad manners. Littering shows a disrespect of local people and customs, and generates bad feelings between locals and jumpers. Remember that your behavior here reflects on other jumpers, and directly impacts everyone's ability to continue jumping these sites.

7) Check with the locals for current closures: When visiting, ask at the Horner Pub and the Valley Hostel for current closures. Some exit points, particularly the waterfall in the middle of town, are closed seasonally, after accidents, or for other events. Be aware of current closures and respect them. Many closures are posted at www.Subterminal.ch, which is also a good place to check for other information about the area.

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