



Let me introduce you to Arete Climbing, the largest and tallest indoor climbing facility in Ohio. An inclusive, friendly, community centric space that will be located conveniently in Gahanna minutes from Hamilton Rd and interstate 270. In addition to excellent climbing of all types we will also be home to a fully-equipped fitness center, dedicated kid space, a gorgeous yoga studio, and well stocked gear shop. Once our guests have exhausted their bodies and are ready to refuel, they enjoy the locally based craft beer taproom, on-site food truck, or grab some fresh clean eats from the ready-to-go cooler at the coffee stand. The sleek modern exterior will be complimented by an extensive outdoor space for our guests to use on our 18-acre site that will offer a community garden space, dog park, slack lining (similar to a high wire act but just a few feet off the ground), hiking trails, outdoor learning experiences, a small disk golf course, or just relax in the courtyard space and watch your friends try hard in the outdoor bouldering pavilion. There is a bus route directly in front of the gym in addition to an existing paved bike trail that immediately borders the site which makes it easily accessible to people of all walks of life.

If you hadn't heard already, rock climbing was entered into the Olympics for the first time in 2021. We will see additional media coverage, growth and participation in the sport that the Olympics will provide. The facility will appeal to a broad new market of parents looking to get their kids on board as Olympic hopefuls. We will have spaces dedicated to try out, train and master all 3 disciplines!

**\*Lead climbing:** Climbing with a rope and harness while clipping into secure anchors as you progress up the wall. This requires endurance, flexibility, and excellent technique.

**\*Bouldering:** Climbing with no ropes above thick safety pads. These are shorter, powerful, sometimes acrobatic climbs on walls that are 18-25' tall.

**\*Speed climbing:** This is an all-out sprint just under 50' STRAIGHT UP THE WALL! The current world record holder has done this in UNDER six seconds! This requires explosive strength and coordination to grab the holds as you propel yourself to the top.

The Arete team's focus will be on serving the growing Ohio Climbing community. The gym will have nearly 20,000 square feet of climbing space. We've designed the space to be open, airy and flooded with natural light to motivate our guests to climb and train. We will offer excellent and varied route setting using unique wall features inspired by some of the most beautiful crags in the world. No training space would be complete without the most respected and efficient

training boards and equipment available. With spaces for beginners to get comfortable on the wall and spaces to challenge even the most experienced climbers, Arete has been designed to leave our guests feeling encouraged, challenged and have them coming back for more.

We will lay a foundation for the future by having accessible walls as well as options for young athletes. This will encourage them to get engaged in the sport and develop a deeper connection to climbing. It is natural for most kids to climb things (much to our dismay) so, we will attempt to cultivate that joy of exploration and adventure by giving them a fun, safe, and controlled environment for them to grow.

This is just the beginning of what the team at Arete will be looking to offer!

- \*Courses to “learn the ropes” so guests can feel comfortable and safe (even with no prior experience) plus courses for more experienced climbers to push their skills even further.
- \*Professional personal training with climbing centric offerings and general fitness.
- \*Youth day camps and larger party accommodations with a private space available for reservation.
- \*Various levels of leagues and competitive climbing.
- \*Courses to help transition gym climbers to outdoor climbing with a focus on conservation of these areas and “leave no trace” principles that ensure our continued access to these areas.
- \*Partnering with Access Fund, American Alpine Club, and the Ohio Climber’s Coalition to broaden local climbers' exposure to the wonderful network of climbing attractions all over our state and the world. As well as establishing a members group to volunteer at local crags in coordination with the O.C.C. to expand our conservation efforts and teach stewardship concepts to new climbers.
- \*Work with pro-climber Kevin Jorgensen’s 1Climb organization to expose inner city & underprivileged kids to climbing.
- \*Work with Climbing for Change and Paradox Sports to help diversify the demographics of the climbing community to ensure inclusivity and acceptance for anyone wanting to climb.
- \*A private space to train and offer certifications with and the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT) which is one of the leading accepted standards for rope access work, or work at heights in many industries.
- \*Always trying to incorporate the great suggestions from community members like you!

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