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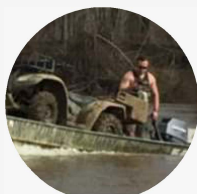
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Linemans Belt/Flip line questions

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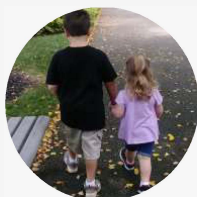
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#1

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#2

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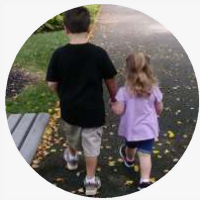
I would send an email to Wild Country (Ropeman manufacturer) for a definitive answer. I would guess not, but you never know. I worked with an arborist that used a Rock Grab on his steel core flipline. He bought it as a premade setup from Sherrilltree.com. Of course, you can buy them separately. I use a schwabisch hitch on my steel core flipline.

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#3

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No, you don't 'need' a steel core flipline. I think most guys wouldn't like them because of the weight and noise. They *are* easier to advance up the tree, but most guys aren't hunting in trees that are big enough to really call for it. With just a little practice, you'll be moving your lineman's belt (LB) up with little effort. It's more of a technique thing than a stiffness issue. One of the most common mistakes people make when learning to use spikes, is to lean too far out. I know it makes you feel like you're less likely to kick out, but it's counter productive. You should be standing practically upright. The closer you keep your hips to the tree, the easier it will be to advance your LB. Thrust forward, taking your weight onto your feet and off your LB, and flip it upward. Take a couple small steps, and repeat. Smaller steps are the way to go, especially for a new guy. You can maintain balance much more easily. Don't kick your spikes into the tree. Place the tip against the trunk, and step onto it. The gaff will dig in, but will be less likely to jam tightly. You'll also make less noise. Practice walking up and down a tree at a safe, low height before scurrying up like a squirrel. Coming down is often more intimidating for new folks than going up. PRACTICE!

deep_phried_squirrel

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Sounds good! Thanks for the advice!

TonyGreenway

**Cajunshooter**

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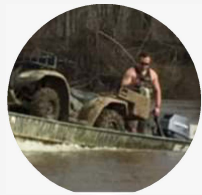
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I think your biggest problem was that you were trying to climb a 2 foot diameter tree. It is simply way harder to get your linemans rope up on a tree that you can't reach around. I think it may have been G2 that said he usually looks for a tree thats about the size of a basket ball. I'll look for any that is 6 inches to 2 feet in diameter but my preference is 10 inches to 18 inches.

Once you get really used to climbing you can pretty much climb anything you want to but for the first few climbs you should really choose something more manageable that you can actually put your hands on the back side of. I really would not rush into the steel core line.

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TonyGreenway

**Rookie**

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#7

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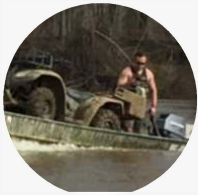
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Yeah I can tell you, the very first tree I climbed was about the same size as yours. I then had the exact same thoughts as you and was thinking about how I could stiffen my rope or get a steel core. Once I climbed a smaller tree several times, I never looked back.

Also what makes it very easy for me is, I hold the rope with my little fingers and use my hands on the sides/backside of the tree to climb. I literally just walk up a tree like that.

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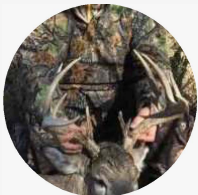
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Awesome, I'll give that a shot this weekend on a smaller tree. I'd love to be able to walk up one like that



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#10

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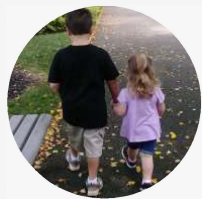
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Didn't feel extremely confident with the climb, but I was leaning back at pretty good angle. I will try to climb more upright next time. I was worrying spikes might kick out at too much of a upright position.

I sold my trophyline saddle, so I'm having to climb using my muddy tree stand harness until my mantis shows up.

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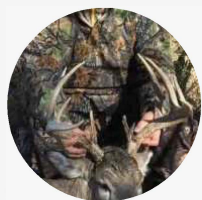
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I understand the feeling, but the forces generated by leaning too far back are *more* likely to cause a kickout, and are more likely to throw you off balance. It's really a matter of time spent on your spikes. Comfort and confidence come with practice. I felt the exact same way when I started climbing. It wasn't long before I was comfortable enough to climb with no flipline, just spikes and my hands on the tree. I would NEVER actually do that, but it's kind of a measurement of confidence and familiarity with the technique. Once you're at that point, you'll also find it much easier to advance your flipline, because you'll be comfortable taking your weight off of it and trusting your spikes. Keep at it. Once it clicks for you, I think you'll find that there's no easier, lighter, or faster way to climb to hunting height. Another bonus: one set of spikes gets you to *any* height you want. I did an observation sit at about 80 feet this weekend. Going that high allowed me to watch an entire marshy bottom, and a hollow full of White Oaks. Obviously, I'm not going to hunt at that height, but you get the point.

One caveat: I strongly advise that anyone climbing with spikes carry a rope that is long enough to reach the ground, and a rappelling device. If you get to hunting height, then drop a spike while taking them off, you need a way to descend safely.

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Can you rappel from your saddle or do you need a rock climbing harness.

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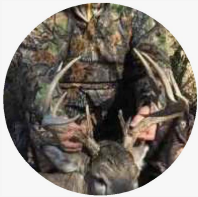
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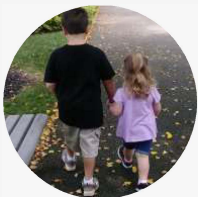
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So, you rappel from your saddle only?

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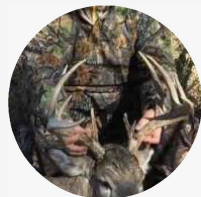
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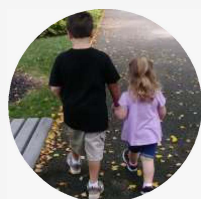
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TonyGreenway said:

It depends what you're using for a saddle. I'm using a Mantis, so yes, I can rappel with it. What are you using?

Anxiously Waiting on my mantis 🤪😂
Do you connect to your bridge . Trying to get a visual.

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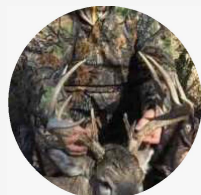
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tidersaid:

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Yes, clip your figure 8, or whatever descending device you like, to your bridge.

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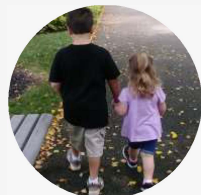
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Good deal. I'll definitely be doing this. Which device do you use to rappel?

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#19

I use a figure 8, nothing fancy. When I climb with Wild Edge Stepps, I rappel down to stand on one stepp, and remove the one above it. Then drop down to the next stepp, and remove the one on which I was previously standing. Repeat until on the ground.



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I don't rappel. I don't ever take my spikes off. So I climb down.

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