
Samoan Tree Climber

Posted by Bradley Ford - 08/25/2006 12:14pm

Click on the Samoan Tree Climber at the Polynesian Cultural Center web site to watch a video demonstrating the technique.

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Posted by NickfromWI - 08/25/2006 12:17pm

Ummmmm WOW!

That's cool!

What...no helmet?

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Posted by moss - 08/25/2006 05:59pm

Love it! SRT without a rope!

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Posted by NickfromWI - 08/25/2006 06:13pm

SRT? Isn' that STT???

Single Trunk Technique?

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Helmet?

Posted by Icabod - 08/25/2006 07:28pm

Who cares about the helmet...where's his 'drawers?

Icabod

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Ancient technique.

Posted by Treeman - 08/25/2006 08:25pm

I have seen this technique written about in other places. This is an ancient technique that requires the right kind of tree. To see it on streaming tape is fabulous! To see it in traditional clothing is even better. A great find! Coconut bark has a unique surface, quite conducive to this kind of climbing. I doubt it would work on a small pine with scaly bark, even if the stubs were cleaned out. The technique might work on a small oak bark surface. There can't be any interfering branches or stubs. Certainly not an invasive technique.

I tried it once on a small tree and sort of got the feel of how it works. That sure is some fast climbing on the tape! Possibly a useful technique in California or Florida. Don't let the safety folks see you however.

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Pines

Posted by Icabod - 08/26/2006 01:47am

It works TOO well on pines. I wrote once about my first cat rescue here once...

Cat rescue...

Pine bark though is a little smoother on the way down.

Climb Safe!
Icabod

fire dancer

Posted by Patrick - 08/26/2006 03:09pm

You might also want to check out the Fire Dancer video on the Polynesian Cultural Center website. Amazing! My wife and I recently saw the show there; quite an experience!

Who is volunteering to do a session about fire dancing in the trees at the Gathering? ;)
Patrick
