



Crisis at the cliffs

By KAREN SMITH The Champion

A relaxing holiday turned into terror for a family rock climbing at Rattlesnake Point yesterday.

A 45-year-old man from England was climbing the cliffs at the popular conservation area with his wife and two children when he fell 50 feet, landing on his head; police said.

police added. At press time, the name of the victim and further information on the cause of the accident hadn't been released.

they pose to climbing enthusiasts, at helicopter. about 12:30 p.m., said Deputy Fire Chief Harold Penson.

"We were first on the scene, and then the ambulance came in behind us," he said. "We went down together. The person was bleeding."

After stabilizing the injured climber, ambulance attendants and firefighters placed him on a backboard and carried him up a "rugged" path in a wire basket, recalled the deputy chief.

The only other option was to pull the basket to the top of the cliff with a The man suffered serious injuries, rope, but that would have taken too long, he said. "We decided it would be faster to carry him out."

Victim in tow, the rescuers clambered up the path in about 15-minutes. The The Milton Fire Department was man's wife, - who injured her arm in called to the foot of the park cliffs, the accident - and two children known for the variety of challlenges watched as he was loaded into a

> The climber was taken by air ambulance to Hamilton General Hospital.





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