



In a Cave



In Even Stand of Trees



Under a Lone Tree



In an Open Field

Even Stand of Trees

- **Avoid being directly near a tree**
- **Stay away from tree trunks and their bases**
- **Lightning striking a tree can transfer the shock to you**
- **You are safer than under a lone tree. Lightning strikes the highest point.**

In a Cave

- **Avoid cave entrances**
- **Small overhangs allow lightning arcs to cross the gap**
- **Water in caves can transfer lightning shock**

In an Open Meadow

- **High exposure during a lightning storm**
- **Avoid trees or bushes that raise above the others**
- **Look for a ravine/depression in the ground**

Under a Lone Tree

- **Lightning strikes the highest point**
- **Tall lone trees attract strikes**



Above Tree Line/ On a Ridge



In a Car



In a Tent



**On a Climbing
Wall/Base of a Cliff**

In a Car

- **The frame of the car directs lightning strikes to the ground**
- **Stay inside the vehicle**

Above Tree Line /On a Ridge

- **High exposure during lightning storm**
- **Wet rock conducts electricity**
- **Turn around and get to lower, safer terrain if you hear thunder**

On a Climbing Wall/ Base of Cliff

- **Descend when you hear thunder**
- **Stay away from the wet wall, and tall trees**
- **Wet ropes and rock conduct electricity**

In a Tent

- **Tents can increase the chance of lightning hitting that spot if it is higher than nearby objects**
- **If you are stuck in a tent, crouch in lightning pose on opposite sides of the tent**
- **Insulate yourself from the ground. Don't touch the sides of the tent**