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The vast beauty of the Grand Canyon would take away your breath if you were viewing it from the safety and comfort of the canyon ledge.

Imagine how you'll feel at the bottom of the awesome pit as you try to work your way up from the canyon floor thousands of feet below.

The Colorado River roaring at your feet is the least of your worries as you attempt to blow up bridges and scale walls that would make the most experienced mountain climber tremble. Surefooted mountain goats will stalk your every move.

But don't lose hope...unless, of course, you're scared of heights! For safety is just a jump and a ladder away. Or, so it seems. The natives are restless, so don't be surprised if you find several arrows — or a not so friendly Indian — heading your way. And, as you leap over treacherous peaks and gorges, don't forget to look up from time to time...for you must always beware of birds bearing bricks.

What's that?? Blue sky ahead!! You'll Dance for joy as you reach the top of the majestic ravine, now at its most peaceful and serene...or is it?

Play **Canyon Climber** and experience the excitement, the challenge, and the dangerous thrills of the great outdoors.



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# CANYON CLIMBER

For the Atari 400/800 (16K) by Tim Ferris

**CANYON CLIMBER** is a one player game. You will need split second timing and luck as you scale the walls and meet the dangers of the Grand Canyon.

# TO START

#### Diskette

Make sure that the power is off to your computer. Turn on the power to your T.V. and disk drive 1. Wait for the red "drive busy" light to turn off. Insert the diskette and close the disk drive door. Now turn on the computer. The program will load and run automatically.

## Cassette

Insert the cassette into your tape player and press play. Hold down the START key and turn on your computer. When you hear the "buzzer," press RETURN. The tape will load and run automatically. Connect a joystick to controller jack #1. Press the red button to begin.

#### Object

The object of **CANYON CLIMBER** is to climb up three levels of the Grand Canyon and reach the top. To score points you must set explosive charges, push a plunger to blow them up, avoid arrows, leap over charging sheep, jump over gorges and avoid birds dropping bricks. You get three chances to reach the top.

#### Scoring

200
200
200
200
500
3000

# Game Control

Use your joystick to climb ladders and move your man up the canyon. Press the red button to jump over sheep, arrows and gorges. Press the button again to start a new game.

#### **Special Features**

Press the ESC key to pause and any other key to continue. Press SYSTEM RE-SET to reset the game.

## Strategy

Time is important in all levels. Your aggressors speed up as time passes. Your man will tire after several jumps and won't jump as far. After several passes through the canyon, the man will grow even more tired and, the aggressors become more aggressive.

Level 1 – Lay your explosives at each end of a bridge by running over it. Jump over all sheep. When you go to press the plunger, hide on the ladder below to avoid sheep entering from the right side of the screen.

Level 2 – Time your jumps carefully to avoid arrows. If one hits your foot it won't hurt you. Arrows will change speed and throw off your timing. Use shields to block arrows for extra points. Press the red button when you are under a shield to grab it. Shields only last between 3 and 12 seconds. When an arrow approaches, press the jump button, just in case your shield disappears. You can not climb a ladder or jump with a shield.

Level 3 – Keep moving! One bird has an excellent aim. Don't wait on ladders or you could be knocked off. Watch your feet as you jump so you don't fall off an edge. Birds drop bricks in a pattern. Watch so you know when to jump and when to climb. By the way, you can't go back down!

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