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## Ice Climbing

Ascending Colorado's Bridal Veil

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Hang on with *Wild Chronicles* as two dedicated **ice** climbers attempt to scale Bridal Veil Falls in Telluride, Colorado. A frozen **waterfall** standing more than 40 stories high, Bridal Veil was once thought nearly impossible to climb. With the added dangers of **avalanches** and giant falling icicles, these two climbers try to pick their way to the top.

### QUESTIONS

- How do authorities intentionally start avalanches around Bridal Veil?  
**Bombs** are dropped from helicopters, triggering avalanches.
- What tools and equipment do Duncan and Nancy use to scale Bridal Veil?  
The climbers wear **helmets**, **gloves**, thick **snowsuits**, **boots**, and **crampons** (spikes attached to their boots). They carry **ropes**, **picks**, and **axes**.

### VOCABULARY

Term	Part of Speech	Definition
<b>avalanche</b>	<i>noun</i>	large mass of snow and other material suddenly and quickly tumbling down a mountain.
<b>ice</b>	<i>noun</i>	water in its solid form.
<b>waterfall</b>	<i>noun</i>	flow of water descending steeply over a cliff. Also called a cascade.

## For Further Exploration

### Articles & Profiles

- National Geographic Adventure: Ice Climb Hyalite Canyon, Montana

### Images

- National Geographic Adventure: Ice Climbing Photos in Colorado's Ouray Ice Park

