

Yr Hafod

Hillwalking Terrain Two Summer Permit Training

Overview

This weekend is designed for those who have extensive walking experience, good navigation skills and are comfortable walking in the mountains and remote areas in good and bad weather. It aims to take your map and compass techniques to the highest standard as well as developing more advanced skills of group management. The course also includes the skills needed for leading groups safely on steep ground and other specific hazards encountered in the mountains.

It is ideal if you are preparing for a Hillwalking Terrain Two Summer Permit assessment or Mountain Leader assessment.

The course includes full catering and indoor accommodation.

Programme

The training will be based on the Scout [Assessment Checklist for Hillwalking](#) (Terrain 2 Summer – Leadership) and the syllabus in the [Mountain Leader handbook](#). If there is anything you would particularly like to cover during the weekend please discuss this with the Yr Hafod staff on the Friday night. During your weekend, we will cover the following hillwalking skills;

- Planning your day out and picking a suitable route for a group of experienced Scouts
- Staying safe on the hills with a group – a review of group equipment (including ropes)
- Map reading skills (including relocation techniques and methods of identifying features)
- Navigation techniques (including pacing, aspect of slope and micro-navigation techniques)
- Taking and following bearings in poor visibility
- Interpreting weather forecasts and assessing changing conditions during the day
- Route cards (including detailed timings, escape routes and contingency planning)
- Dynamic risk assessment and emergency procedures
- Techniques for group management on steep ground (including ropes and other aids)
- Methods for dealing with water hazards safely
- A review of the Scout rules applicable to hillwalking

At the end of the weekend we would be happy to discuss your current abilities and what extra training or experience you might like to consider if you are aiming to hold a Scout Hillwalking Summer Permit.

Experience required

You will be expected to have a good knowledge of how to read maps and use a compass in practical situations. You will have good navigation skills and are comfortable walking in the mountains and remote areas in good and bad weather.

In our experience you will have at least 10 days hillwalking experience on your own or with peers, of which at least five days in a leadership capacity in two different Terrain One and Two areas to gain the most from this course.