

Hillwalking Terrain One Summer Permit Assessment

Overview

This weekend is for those who want to be assessed for a Scout Hillwalking Terrain One Summer leadership permit.

The course includes full catering and indoor accommodation.

If you are unsure whether a Terrain One or Two assessment is more appropriate for you check the [FAQs on our website](#).

You can book online at yr-hafod.org.uk/wp/training/hillwalking.

Programme

The programme for the weekend will cover all aspects of the Scout [Assessment Checklist for Hillwalking](#) (Terrain 1 Summer – Leadership) except for lightweight camping. For more detail check the syllabus in the [Hill and Moorland Leader handbook](#) which is the equivalent external qualification. The technical publication for hillwalking permits is Hillwalking by Steve Long (3rd edition), ISBN-13: 978-0954151195.

We do not assess the skills required for lightweight camping. If this is something you would like to cover please contact us on courses@yr-hafod.org.uk.

In addition to the technical assessment, we will assess your knowledge of the Scout Association rules applicable to hillwalking.

If you meet the technical requirements to hold a Scout Terrain One Summer – Leadership Permit, we will complete sections 1 and 2 of the “Hillwalking – Permit Assessment” form at the end of the aforementioned assessment checklist. We will discuss with you any restrictions we consider appropriate and suggest what extra training or experience you might like to consider.

Please note that our recommendations do not constitute a permit. This can only be issued by your District (or County) Commissioner after sections 3, 4 and 5 have also been signed off. Until this time, you must not take young people hillwalking in Terrain One.

What to bring

Please come suitably equipped for leading a group of Scouts on a day’s hillwalking in the mountains near Yr Hafod, ensuring that have you a suitable torch/head torch as we may be navigating in the dark. Your equipment should include;

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- Daysack with waterproof liner
- Warm clothes; including non-denim walking trousers and a fleece
- Good walking boots
- Waterproof jacket with hood and waterproof trousers
- Hat and gloves
- Water bottle or hydration system
- Torch or head torch
- Whistle
- Watch with stopwatch
- Personal first aid kit
- Sleeping bag and pillow (mattresses are provided)
- Notebook and pencil (optional)
- Insulated flask (optional)

You can bring your own or the following can be borrowed from Yr Hafod.

- Compass (preferably with Romers) [Romers can be purchased for £1.50 on the day.](#)
- Map: OS Explorer OL17 plus optionally an OS Landranger 115 or Harvey/BMC Snowdonia North
- Bothy bag

Experience required

You will be expected to have read and understand the relevant Scout factsheets for hillwalking and be familiar with the [Scout rules and assessment checklist](#).

If you are not sure if you are ready for an assessment, we would strongly recommend you attend one of our other training courses first. We'd also recommend you have been on at least 20 good quality hillwalking days to successfully pass an assessment. You may find rating yourself with the [Hill and Moorland Leader Skills Checklist](#) helpful.

If you pass an assessment but your experience is confined to only a couple of areas of the UK then it is likely restrictions based on your experience will form part of any recommendation we make at the end of the course. For example, we may restrict permits to only the upland areas you have visited– of course this may not matter to you if you have no intent to travel further afield.

Logbook and other paperwork

You must have an up to date log book with relevant experience for the permit you are considering. This must be presented to your assessor on the Friday night of the course together with an example route card and risk assessment.

If you use Mountain Training's DLOG please bring a printed out copy or a laptop to view it on. You can download your DLOG by going to the records page, filtering what you want and clicking the download button at the bottom of the page. Please do not share your DLOG with the Yr Hafod email addresses as we have no way of sharing this with your assessor.

Please also bring a completed route plan for a day's hillwalking in the local area, assuming you were to bring your own group to Yr Hafod. You will not necessarily be following the route during your assessment.

End of course and feedback

At the end of the weekend we will discuss your current abilities and any areas for development. We will also suggest what extra training or experience you might like to consider.

Further information

Information on The Scout Association's Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme is available at <https://members.scouts.org.uk/activitypermits>. This page includes a blank log book template, although any logbook style is acceptable as long as it contains similar information.

You may be aware that you could be eligible for funding from The Scout Association to support some of the cost of the course, including the cost of your transport. [See their grants for training page for more details.](#)