



Climbing Wall Award (CWA) Assessment

The Climbing Wall Award (CWA) is intended for those who wish to supervise groups at climbing walls in the UK. The award consists of a training and assessment course, it should be noted that completing the training alone, without the assessment is not a qualification in itself.

In order to attend a CWA Assessment course you must meet the following requirements, as stipulated by Mountain Leader Training England (MLTE):

1. Be over the age of 18.
2. Have attended a CWA Training Course (or gained exemption)
3. Have recorded a minimum of 30 visits to at least three different climbing walls.
4. Have assisted a qualified supervisor on at least 15 instructed sessions on at least two different walls (including a large public facility).
5. Hold a valid First Aid Certificate
6. For a Top Access and Abseiling (Module 2) assessment, candidates should already have passed the standard award assessment and have completed the TAA training process.

Registration

You should, already be registered with Mountain Leader Training England (MLTE) if you are considering attending a CWA Assessment course.

Assessment Objectives

We aim to cover the CWA syllabus in full. Detailed guidance notes on the CWA syllabus should have been provided in the booklet with your logbook. In addition, full details can also be viewed online via <http://www.mlte.org/>

Course Format

The course will run over one day from 0915 to 1700 with the addition of the Top Access and Abseiling module as an evening session or half day session. Prior to presenting for assessment you will receive a home research paper to complete. This should be produced, along with your completed log book at the start of your assessment course.

Venues Used

The CWA Assessment course visits two busy purpose built walls, both being public access facilities.

Rockcity Climbing Centre, Hull: Rockcity opened in 1994 with a 16m lead/top-rope wall. Overhanging to 7m, slabs and vertical sections. Also large bouldering cave. Details at <http://www.rockcity.co.uk>

Please note that in addition to your course cost you will have to pay the entry fee to Rockcity.

What do I need to bring?

We can supply all the technical equipment required for your course including ropes, climbing hardware, etc. However, as an aspiring instructor we would anticipate that you will have much of the equipment required, and would encourage you to use your own kit as much as possible. James Thacker Mountaineering will supply lead ropes

Specifically, we would suggest that you bring the following:

Warm clothing

Lead climbing equipment

Harness

Rock boots

Belay device

CWA logbook (filled in please)

*Notebook

*Digital camera (some candidates find it useful to take photos of belays/systems)

*Packed lunch/drink etc. Both walls have small café's or alternative facilities nearby for those who would like to purchase lunch.

* Optional items

Accommodation

Please note that the price of this course does not include accommodation. If you are not within easy driving distance of both venues then please get in touch and we can recommend some places to stay.

Cancellation

For MLTE courses the board stipulates a minimum of 4 candidates have to attend the course for it to run. In the unlikely event of course cancellation due to lack of participants, contact will be made no later than 10 days prior to the course start date. If this situation does occur then an alternative date will be given or a full refund made.

What happens now?

We will look forward to meeting you on the first day of your course. However, in the mean time if you have any queries or require further advice please feel free to contact us.

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