

Climbing Wall Award (CWA) Training

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 Training course you must meet the following requirements, as stipulated by Mountain Leader Training England (MLTE):

1. Be over the age of 17 (note the age of 18 for assessment).
2. Have a genuine interest in climbing and the supervision of groups on climbing walls
3. Have at least 6 months experience of using a variety of climbing walls, having been to three different walls on 15 occasions.
4. Have led routes on an indoor wall.
5. Be an individual or club member (of an affiliated club) of a Mountaineering Council.
6. **Register with the MLTE** before attending a training course.

Registration

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

Failing this you can now register online via the MLTE website, <http://www.mlte.org>

Learning 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 two days from 0915 to 1630 with the addition of the Top Access and Abseiling module as an evening session on day one.

Venues Used

The CWA Training 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>

The Foundry, Sheffield: The main 'Troll wall' is 13m, of which 7m is steeply overhanging, and has 40 lead routes with in-situ quickdraws. The main hall has 80 top-roped routes on slab/vertical walls up to 11m, all with modern safety flooring. Lead routes in 'The Furnace' start from F4+ to F7b+. Details at <http://www.cragx.com/foundryclimbing>

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

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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