

Climbing Wall Award (CWA)

This new national scheme is for climbers who are in a position of responsibility when supervising climbing activities on indoor, outdoor or mobile climbing walls and towers.

It is primarily concerned with ensuring good practice, leading to the safe enjoyment of climbing activities, and to an understanding of the sport. It covers the supervision and management of activities such as bouldering, the teaching of basic movement skills and roped climbing, but excludes the teaching of leading. Completion of a training course alone, without passing the assessment course, should not be considered as a qualification in itself, although it may be of considerable personal benefit to the trainee.

An additional module is available for those candidates who wish to supervise abseiling and top-roping activities on those walls which have top access.

CWA Prior Experience:

- Minimum Age 17 (for training)
- 6 Months personal climbing experience
- 15 Visits to three different walls
- Successfully led climbs on walls
- Registered with the Mountain Leader Training Board *

Prior experience can be gained through a variety of means, with other experienced climbers, clubs or via courses. Check out www.calshot.com for introductory climbing and leading courses

CWA Training Course:

- Two days minimum 12 hours contact time
- Visiting 2 walls of which 1 is a large commercial centre

Consolidation Period:

- Guidance given on training course as to duration and type of experience required prior to assessment
- Minimum of 30 visits to at least 3 climbing walls
- Led a minimum of 40 climbs
- Assisted with the supervision of 15+ climbing sessions



CWA Assessment:

- Minimum age 18
- Assessment over 6 hour period, covering all aspects of the syllabus
- May involve working with "real" group

CWA Top Access & Abseil Training:

- Further training over 4 hour period
- Can be undertaken after CWA training and before assessment

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CWA Top Access & Abseil Assessment:

- Have completed CWA assessment
- Minimum of 2 hours contact time
- Covers abseiling and top roping

* Registration details:
www.mlte.org

Experience Requirements

Please consider the advice given below. You should note that the figures given are absolute minimums and most successful candidates will have well in excess of the experience outlined:

- ***To be involved in the CWA scheme you need to be a climber and have an interest in the supervision of novices in the activity. A minimum of 6 months personal climbing experience is required.***
- Before attending a training course you must first register with one of the four Mountain Leader Training Boards (see * over). They will provide you with a logbook and your personal details will be entered on the national database.
- ***Before attending a training course you must have climbed on artificial walls on at least 15 occasions, visited at least 3 different walls and successfully led climbs.*** Without having done at least this amount of climbing you are unlikely to play a constructive part on the course or be able to make best use of the training.
- Between training and assessment you must consolidate new ideas and techniques and gain additional climbing experience. Your trainer will advise you about the amount and nature of the personal climbing and supervising experience you should gain.
- Candidates should not present themselves for assessment until they have:
 1. ***Climbed at least 3 different walls on a minimum of 30 different occasions.***
 2. ***led a minimum of 40 climbs.***
 3. ***assisted with the supervision of climbing for at least 15 sessions at a variety of facilities.***