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**Mckinlay Mountaineering is an approved Mountain Training provider enabling us to deliver their industry standard awards. This allows us to provide training and assessment for the Mountain Leader, Rock Climbing Instructor, Climbing Wall Instructor and Climbing Wall Development Instructor. We now are the largest provider of Mountain Training awards in the North of England delivering 55 courses in 2022 alone.**

## **ROCK CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR ASSESSMENT**

The Rock Climbing Instructor trains and assesses candidates in the skills required to supervise climbers on single pitch crags and climbing walls. As such it is seen as an essential qualification for those wishing to work in the outdoors industry and with outdoor centres, school groups and the voluntary sector. The scheme is also a vital tool for climbers wanting to review their personal skills, allowing them to expand their knowledge of current best practise.

### **Pre-requisites for Rock Climbing Instructor assessment:**

Prior to attending the assessment course you must have

- You must have attended a Rock Climbing Instructor (or Single Pitch Award) training course or been granted exemption from training and be familiar with the syllabus.
- You must be competently leading Severe grade climbs on outdoor crags with leader-placed protection.
- You must have led a minimum of 40 graded rock climbs with traditional protection at a variety of venues (of which at least 20 MUST be at Severe grade or above).
- You must be proficient in the use of climbing walls and have a minimum of 30 climbing wall leads graded at F4 or above.
- You must be proficient in outdoor bolt protected sport climbing and have a minimum of 10 sport climb leads graded at F4 or above.
- You must have assisted in the supervision of 20 instructed sessions. These sessions should be at a variety of different venues with 10 being on indoor climbing walls and the other 10 on outdoor crags. A session is a half day or evening. At least five of these sessions must have personal reflective comments recorded on DLOG. (For guidance see question 3 in the DLOG section on this page.)
- You must have physically attended and completed (i.e. not online) a first aid course which involved at least two full days or sixteen hours of instruction and included an element of assessment.

**Please note that you will need to have completed your DLOG. This is an assessment requirement. Please upload your first aid certificate to the files section of your DLOG**

### **Price:**

- £185.00 assessment
- Bespoke courses are worked out on an individual basis

### **Payment:**

Payment is made via the website. Please note the full amount is payable immediately. Alternatively, payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer: Payee Mckinlay Mountaineering.

Account number: 29548861 Sort code: 601239. We will contact you as soon as payment has been made.

### **You will need:**

Mckinlay Mountaineering, 30 Roundhay Grove, Leeds, LS8 4DS  
Tel: 07984970469 Email: [info@mckinlaymountaineering.com](mailto:info@mckinlaymountaineering.com)

Clothing for an outdoor crag session including: including warm clothing, waterproofs, harness, helmet and rock boots, a rack and a "single" or "half" climbing rope(s) suitable for lead climbing, rucksack.

Rigging rope may be useful for Sunday if you have one but we will provide otherwise. Group safety equipment. Please bring a packed lunch for both days. Entrance fee to Climbing Wall

**All items are brought with the knowledge that Mckinlay Mountaineering takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of these items. These are the sole responsibility of the candidate.**

**No transport is included but we are happy to car share and offer lifts from Hathersage.**

### Assessment Itinerary:

Note: Course program may change to suit the prevailing weather conditions

Saturday Morning 9.00	Meet at the Stanage Popular End car park known as Hooks car park on Google, Derbyshire Overview of course History, equipment go to nearest crag Guidebooks access and conservation Lead climbing	Sunday Morning 9.00am	Meet at crag (weather dependent and decided the night before) Review the crag to be used on this day and its suitability. Minimum impact. Environmental & conservation issues. Group management - safe area - briefing of group. Bouldering/weaselling if appropriate.
Afternoon	Simple problem solving at crag Personal abseil Drive to Foundry S3 8EN	Afternoon Course finish at 5pm	Top and bottom rope set ups Abseil set up Problem avoidance and rescues Depart crag Course review and general de-brief. Results, logbooks and individual action plans
Evening Course finish 6.00 Sheffield	Home paper Artificial Walls - use of managed facilities Warm ups and bouldering Roped climbing, basic rescues.		

### Recommended Reading:

Please refer to your Rock Climbing Instructor handbook for details with regards to the syllabus and remit of the qualification This can be downloaded from the Mountain Training website:

[Rock Climbing Instructor handbook](#)

Please also refer to the below titles for further reading:

[Rock Climbing by Libby Peter, the official handbook for Mountain Training's climbing schemes](#)

### Accommodation:

Accommodation is not included. However here is a list of hostels campsites and B &B's we recommend.

- North Lees Campsite Hathersage, Birley Lane, Hathersage, S32 1BR Tel: 01433 650838
- YHA Hathersage, Castleton Rd, Hathersage S32 1EH Tel: 0845 371 9021
- Thorpe Farm Bunkhouse for groups, Hathersage, Hope Valley, Derbyshire. S32 1BQ Tel: 01433 650659
- Cannon Croft Bed and Breakfast Hathersage, Cannon Fields, Hathersage, Hope Valley, Derbyshire S32 1AG Tel: 01433 650005
- The Sir William Hotel, Allenscott, Grindleford, Hope Valley, Derbyshire S32 2HS Tel: 01433 630303

### Potential outcomes of assessment:

Following the assessment, the course director will complete a course report on CMS which will record one of three possible results:

**Pass:** Awarded where the candidate has demonstrated appropriate knowledge and application of the course syllabus, and has shown the necessary experience and attributes of a Climbing Wall Development Instructor.

**Defer:** Awarded where the candidate has generally performed well and has shown the necessary experience and attributes, but where complete proficiency has not been attained in certain aspects of the syllabus or where a lack of experience has been identified.

**Fail:** Awarded where the candidate's performance has been generally weak, or the necessary experience and attributes have not been shown. A complete assessment course will need to be subsequently attended.