Assessment Checklist for Hillwalking

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Introduction

This is an assessment checklist to use in assessing an applicant to gain a permit to lead hillwalking. More details on the permit scheme, assessing, technical skills and hillwalking can be found in resources listed in <u>scouts.org.uk/a-z</u>.

Using this checklist

This checklist is the syllabus that an applicant should be assessed against for the technical section of gaining a permit. The columns on the right of each skill show whether it is applicable for each type of permit:

- P Personal permits
- L Leadership permits
- S Supervisory permits

Once an assessment is complete the assessor should fill in the back page and give it to the applicant to take to their Commissioner.

Equivalent qualifications

If an applicant holds an award of the Mountain Training UK qualifications from the table below, or equivalent or higher, and has up to date logged experience, then no practical assessment is likely to be required as they have already shown competence in all of the skills listed in this assessment checklist. They will still require a recommendation from an assessor for a Commissioner to grant them a permit.

Qualification	Permit
Hill and Moorland Leader Award (formerly Walking Group Leader)	Terrain 1 Summer – Leadership (not including remote camping)
Mountain Leader Award (Summer)	Terrain 2 Summer – Leadership
Mountain Leader Award (Winter)	Terrain 2 Winter – Leadership

Technical publication

If you require any more technical information on any of the elements in the checklist, these can be found in the official technical manuals, which are:

Summer Hillwalking:

Hillwalking by Steve Long ISBN 0-9541511-0-0

Winter Hillwalking:

Winter Skills by Andy Cunningham and Allen Fyffe ISBN-10:0-9541511-3-5

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Hillwalking Terrain 1 **Terrain 2 Terrain 1** Terrain 2 **Core Skill** Summer Summer Winter Winter Ρ S Ρ S Ρ S Ρ S Responsibilities Be aware of the limits of your own abilities Choose objectives appropriate to the group. Plan effectively in advance. Be familiar with the Country Code and the effects of hillwalking on the environment. Able to identify when remote supervision is not appropriate in running hillwalking. **Group Management** Manage and communicate with a group effectively. Ensure the group is adequately briefed before hillwalking. Able to identify group members with the skills and experience to be able to lead hillwalking as a designated leader under supervision. Able to set up appropriate monitoring systems to effectively supervise hillwalking groups. Able to ensure that designated leaders are aware of their responsibilities. **Risk Assessment** Know how to complete a risk assessment. \square Able to effectively identify the hazards and risks and know how to reduce or remove them, during hillwalking. Ability to change plans based on changing conditions. \Box Ability to change plans based on the ability of the group. Able to train participants to carry out their own dynamic risk assessments. Able to complete a risk assessment and identify those factors that are likely to change gradually or quickly for a group you are not in direct contact with. Weather Knowledge of where to gain weather information. \square Knowledge of how weather conditions can affect hillwalking. Technical Ability to navigate to the standard as required for the Walking Group Leader Award

 Ability to navigate to the standard as required for the Mountain Leader Award (Summer) Ability to navigate to the standard as required for the Mountain Leader Award (Winter)

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Core Skill	-	'errain Summe	-	Terrain 2 Summer			Terrain 1 Winter			Terrain 2 Winter		
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 Know how to fill in route cards. 												
 Ability to run lightweight camping in remote areas. 												
 Ability to move safely on steep ground.]]	[
 Ability to manage groups safely while moving on steep ground.]]	[
 Ability to use ropes for group confidence and safety on steep ground.]]				
 Knowledge of dangers and methods of avoidance of water hazards. 												
 Ability to cross water hazards safely.]				
 Knowledge of avalanches dangers and effective precautions. 												
 Knowledge of actions to be taken if involved in an avalanche.]]]				
 Ability to construct snow holes and emergency shelters. 												
 Competent use of crampons in a variety of terrains.]			[]						
 Competent use of an ice axe including self arrest.]			[]						
 Experience in a variety of environments for hillwalking. 												
 Experience of working with a variety of different activity groups in hillwalking. 					[]				
Emergency Procedures												
 Knowledge of relevant procedures in the event of an accident.] 🗌				
 Ability to identify and implement emergency procedures when supervising groups remotely 												
Equipment						<u> </u>]	L			
 Knowledge of personal equipment required and how it is used.]				
 Knowledge of group equipment required and how it is used. 												
 Understanding of additional equipment required by the leader. 												

Notes

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Hillwalking - Permit Assessment

The applicant should keep this form once it has been completed by the assessor and take it to their Commissioner.

Applicant's	name					Mem	ber No.				
Permit appli	ed for	Terrain 1 Summer / Terrain 2 Summer / Terrain 1 Winter / Terrain 2 Winter									
Category	Category Personal / Leadership / Supervisory										
1. TECHNICAL COMPETENCE											
Description	ssessm	ent checklist.									
To be completed by: Either a County Assessor or an external assessor with the appropriate NGB award.											
Restrictions based on technical assessment:											
		Date									
Assessor:	Signatu	re		Name							
	County	(if TSA	A Assessor)				Phone				
2. SCOUT A	SSOCIAT		ULES	-				Done			
Description	Check	of kno	wledge of th	ne appro	priate Scou	ut Ass	ociation r	ules for	running hillwalking.		
Appropriate rules can be found at <u>scouts.org.uk/a-z</u> .											
			a County Ass					the Con	imissioner.		
Restrictions based on knowledge of The Scout Association rules:											
							Date				
Signature				Name			Role				
3. SAFEGUARDING Done Done Done Description: Check applicant has undertaken the necessary personal enquiry checks and received the											
appropriate s						perse					
To be completed by: Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.											
Restrictions	based o	n Chile	d Protection	:							
Date						Date					
Signature	Signature Name Role						Role				
4. PERSONAL SUITABILITY								Done			
Description: Check the applicant is suitable (attitude etc) based on the demands of hillwalking.											
			nissioner or no		the Comm	ISSION	er.				
Restrictions based on personal suitability:											
							Date				
Signature				Name			Role				
5. PERMIT GRANTED Entered on the membership database											
Restrictions:											
						Expir	ry date				
Commissioner signature Da					Date						