

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 scouts.org.uk/a-z.

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

Notes

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		Member No.	
Permit applied for	Terrain 1 Summer / Terrain 2 Summer / Terrain 1 Winter / Terrain 2 Winter		
Category	Personal / Leadership / Supervisory		
1. TECHNICAL COMPETENCE			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Technical assessment based on competence in all areas of the assessment 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: Signature		Name	
County (if TSA Assessor)		Phone	
2. SCOUT ASSOCIATION RULES			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check of knowledge of the appropriate Scout Association rules for running hillwalking. Appropriate rules can be found at scouts.org.uk/a-z .			
To be completed by: Either a County Assessor, Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on knowledge of The Scout Association rules:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
3. SAFEGUARDING			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check applicant has undertaken the necessary personal enquiry checks and received the appropriate safeguarding training.			
To be completed by: Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on Child Protection:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
4. PERSONAL SUITABILITY			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check the applicant is suitable (attitude etc) based on the demands of hillwalking.			
To be completed by: Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on personal suitability:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
5. PERMIT GRANTED			Entered on the membership database <input type="checkbox"/>
Restrictions:			
			Expiry date
Commissioner signature		Date	