

Multi-pitch Climbing (Snowdonia)

Is this the right course for me?

This course is designed for anyone who wants to get into multi-pitch rock climbing. Perhaps you have climbed indoors or on single-pitch routes outdoors and want to learn the particular techniques of multi-pitch climbing. Your instructor will discuss your previous climbing experience and tailor the weekend accordingly. In the multi-pitch environment it's important that both members of a climbing partnership understand the fundamentals of good ropework, stance management, safe descents etc. As well as all this you'll get the chance to climb some amazing routes on some of the country's best crags.



What do we cover on the course?

We visit two different crags over the weekend and cover the following topics:

- Personal equipment and racking it
- Types of protection - pros and cons etc of nuts, hexes, cams, slings etc.
- The process of multi-pitch climbing
- Route selection and guidebooks in the multi-pitch environment.
- Different types of belay device and suitability
- Lead belaying
- Building a belay
- Bringing up a second
- Stance organisation
- Organising abseil descents (using prussic for backup)
- Climbing technique
- Simple emergency procedures

What is the format of the course?

The course runs over two days from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. We meet in a café at 9:00 am on the first day and at the crag on the second day. No accommodation is provided but see http://www.orionmountaineering.com/accommodation_snowdonia.htm for a list of handy places to stay.

Venues used

Snowdonia has some of the finest multi-pitch rock climbing in the country. In Ogwen alone there are perhaps a hundred high quality multi-pitch routes in the lower grades. When you add to that the climbing in the Llanberis Pass, the sea cliffs of Gogarth and Tremadog there's a wealth of amazing days out to be had. Depending on the weather, your level of previous experience and what you fancy doing on the day your instructor will choose a crag that best meets our objectives for the day.

What will I need?

If you already have rockboots, harness, helmet, climbing rack, climbing guidebooks then bring them along. If you are missing any of these items, we can supply them. Orion Mountaineering will also supply ropes and climbing racks. We suggest that you bring the following along:

- Walking boots
- Warm outdoor clothing, hat and gloves (all times of year)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Day rucksack (somewhere between 20 and 40 litres)
- Notebook and pen
- Water bottle or flask
- Packed lunch



What happens between booking and the start of the course?

After booking, you will be sent your course information by post or email. This will contain further information about the course including meeting arrangements on the first day, useful accommodation information and some handy climbing shop discount vouchers.