

Climbing (Multi Pitch)



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Introduction

This factsheet looks to give the facts a person would need to know to run Multi Pitch Climbing for a group of young people, or to do it for themselves if they are a young person. It should be read in conjunction with the factsheet FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index, and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

What is Multi Pitch Climbing?

A Multi Pitch Climb is one that cannot be completed without any intermediate stances, or from which the climber cannot safely walk off unroped from the top, or cannot be safely lowered to the bottom of the climb.

What is a Multi Pitch Climbing Permit?

The adventurous activity permit scheme is designed to ensure that only people with the relevant skills and experience lead adventurous activities for the young people. Therefore all activities classed as adventurous can only be lead by someone holding the appropriate permit. Additionally young people (under 18) can take part in adventurous activities for themselves with personal activity permits.

A Multi Pitch Climbing Permit is required for all Multi Pitch Climbing activities.

Levels of Permit

The only permit for Multi Pitch Climbing is a Multi Pitch Climbing permit. Each permit can be restricted (such as through specific locations etc) to end up with an individual permit to the level of the competence and requirements of any person.

Types of Permit

There are two types of permit available for Multi Pitch Climbing. These are:

- **Personal** – Allows a young person (under 18) to take part in Multi Pitch Climbing with others with a personal Multi Pitch Climbing permit.
- **Leadership** – Allows the permit holder to lead Multi Pitch Climbing for a single group.

Permit Limitations

- **Personal** – If you hold a personal Multi Pitch Climbing permit you can go Climbing with others who hold a personal Multi Pitch Climbing permit. It does not allow you to go Climbing with anyone not holding a Multi Pitch Climbing permit.
- **Leadership** – If you have a permit to lead Multi Pitch Climbing you can lead one rope system at a time. Details of group sizes for Multi Pitch Climbing can be found in POR.

Useful Links

[FS120084](#) Scout Led Activities Index
(References relevant Rules and guidance)

[FS120086](#) Commercially Led Activities Index

[FS120100](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme