



Walking Group Leader Award (WGL) Assessment.

The Walking Group Leader Award assessment is the final part in attaining the WGL Award. The assessment takes place over three days and looks at all aspects of the syllabus. This is outlined in more detail below.

All assessments carried out by Peak Mountain Training are designed to give you the maximum opportunity to display your skills in an environment that allows you to perform at your best. Assessment is often a stressful process however it should also be an ideal opportunity for you to learn and refine your skills. Regardless of any result, all Peak Mountain Training assessments have a strong emphasis towards ongoing learning.

Our WGL assessment courses take place in the Peak District.

In order to attend a WGL assessment course you must meet the following requirements (tick boxes when completed):

- 1. **Be registered for the WGL with one of the Mountain Leader Training Boards. (see below)**
- 2. Be over the age of 18.
- 3. Have a minimum of 40 Quality Hill-walking days.
- 4. Have attended a WGL training course (your logbook should have the appropriately signed training course report form and training sticker attached) or attained “exemption from training” from the relevant training board.
- 5. Be in possession of an up to date and valid First Aid certificate.
- 6. Have the personal profile (found in your log book) completed and signed.

Registration

All WGL registrations are administered by the training boards of the 4 home nations: Mountain Leader Training England (MLTE); Scotland (MLTS); Wales (MLTW) & Northern Ireland (MLTNI). It's up to you which training board you register with and, after registration, you will be given a log-book, which contains details of your registration, syllabus and guidance notes along with pages for logging all you experience.

Please note: If you are attending part of the WGL scheme you must be registered specifically for this award and have the appropriate WGL paperwork - even if you have already registered for one, or more, of the other awards e.g. CWA, SPA or ML.

If you have any questions regarding registration please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, or contact one of the home nation training boards. You can also register online via, for example, the MLTE website, <http://www.mlte.org>

Assessment Objectives

We aim to cover the WGL syllabus in full. Detailed guidance notes on the WGL syllabus should have been provided in the booklet with your logbook. The award Handbooks can also be viewed online via:

www.mlte.org/content.php?nID=7&catID=43

Walking Group Leader Award Assessment: Course Format

This 3 day course focuses on the practical elements of leadership through WGL terrain. The course will have a strong emphasis on navigation through both lowland and moorland terrain with a practical session looking at the skills required for basic emergency night navigation. The course will also assess your knowledge in many other syllabus areas including, but not limited to:

- Remit of the Award;
- Personal leadership skills and styles;
- Route planning;
- Legal and moral issues of leadership;
- Environmental awareness;
- Camping supervision;
- Emergency procedures;
- Common hill incidents.

At the end of each day candidates will receive a debrief. This will not entail giving a result for the day. The end result, delivered at the finish of the course is based on a holistic view of your performance over the three days.

Sample Course Outline

Day 1. Venue: Dark Peak	Day 2. Venue: Dark Peak	Day 3. Venue: Valley base and White peak in afternoon.
<p>Meet 9am Course intro</p> <p>Hill day with emphasis on navigation skills:</p> <p>e.g. Map orientation; Contour interpretation; Relationship of map to ground and vice versa; Use of Compass; Distance estimation.</p> <p>5.00pm Return to base</p> <p>6.00-9.00pm. Evening Session (Dependent on time of year) E.g. night navigation.</p>	<p>Meet 9am Intro to Day & Route Planning.</p> <p>Hill day with emphasis on leadership:</p> <p>Further navigation; Leadership skills; Group Management. General Interests</p> <p>5.00pm Return to base</p> <p>6.00pm: Camping skills: practical use of camping equipment and group supervision.</p> <p>8.00pm: Review of home paper</p>	<p>Meet 9am Intro to Day.</p> <p>AM: Further assessment as required.</p> <p>Route Planning and choosing the right activity. Emergency procedures. PM: Further training opportunity</p> <p>4.00pm Return to base</p> <p>Results and individual debrief</p> <p>5.00pm Finish</p>

Note: course programme may change to suit prevailing conditions.

Pre Course Preparation

Prior to the assessment course you will receive a home theory paper. This is a research paper allowing you to show your knowledge in a variety of syllabus related areas. Please bring this with you on the first day of the course or email it to info@peakmountaintraining.co.uk

Venues Used

Peak Mountain Training, 76 Hunter House Road, Sheffield, S11 8TW
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We will pick venues that are appropriate for the assessment objectives of the day and the prevailing weather conditions. Peak Mountain Training instructors are experts at finding the best locations, despite the weather! In all cases we will endeavor to discuss these choices with you so that you are aware of our thought processes.

Meeting Point

Please meet at 0845 at Edale Mountain Rescue Team HQ on the starting date of your course. Parking is limited so please car share if at all possible.

Directions – Edale MRT is based at the Lafarge Cement Works (yes, the huge chimney visible from anywhere in the Hope valley!). From the A6187 in Hope take Pindale Road (opposite the Spar shop). The cement works entrance is approximately 1km on the left. There is a car park on the left as you enter the site and the MRT base is in the unit opposite. Please observe parking instructions.

What do I need to bring?

As an aspiring Walking Group Leader we expect you to bring all equipment required to lead a day walk. The equipment you carry will be assessed at some point over the three days.

However, you do not need to bring camping equipment. Similarly, if you do not own a group shelter it is not necessary to buy one just for the assessment, however we would recommend you own one in the future.

Accommodation/Food

Accommodation/Food is not included in the course price. If you do not live locally a central location on the eastern side of the Peak District is ideal for our courses e.g, Hope or Hathersage.

We recommend the Woodbine Café and B&B in particular, but please note that Judith will only accept bookings of two nights at the weekend as do most B&B's in the valley. Tel: 07778 113882 or <http://www.woodbine-hope.co.uk/>
This is close to our course base in Hope.

Further details of Peak District accommodation can be found at <http://www.jamesthacker.co.uk/accommodationpeak.htm> and <http://www.peakdistrictonline.com>

Cancellation

WGL assessment courses must have a minimum of 4 candidates. In the event of course cancellation due to lack of participants, contact will be made

no later than 14 days prior to the course start date. If this situation does occur then an alternative date will be given or a full refund made.

What happens now?

We will look forward to meeting you on the first day of your course. However, in the mean time if you have any queries or require further advice please feel free to contact us.