

Club Meets Notes - Important information

Please read this carefully and ensure that you understand it.

“Climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions.”

“You should be aware that those perceived of as 'in charge', or even just leading a walk, are not necessarily qualified, do not need to be qualified, are not regarded by the Club nor regard themselves as 'technical experts' but are amateur climbers, walkers or mountaineers with some experience who are happy to impart their knowledge, and that any advice given be viewed with this in mind.”

(From the BMC Club Guidelines document “Risk, Responsibility, Duty of Care and Liability”, Jan 2009)

Walking meets

Please Note:

The main task of the meet 'leader' is to be the contact person for meeting-up arrangements at the start of the walk. Once the walk is underway it is expected that the route taken will be one chosen by consensus of the group and although it will be based upon the proposed route it may be varied according to the conditions and wishes of the group.

You are responsible for your own safety. Before contacting the 'leader' about going on a walk you should examine the proposed route on the map and assess whether it is within your capabilities. Please pay particular attention to the terrain and height gain. You should also note any alternative paths (eg. to avoid scrambling sections) and possible 'escape' routes in case they should become necessary. If you have any queries about the route you should discuss them with the 'leader'.

On the day in question you should assess the conditions and decide for yourself whether the proposed route is a feasible one for you. If you decide it is not please do not participate.

If you do go on the walk it is expected that you will keep track of your position and exercise a normal duty of care to other walkers. This includes making the group aware of any concerns which you may have (as they arise) about the route being followed.

Scrambling sections

Please Note:

You are responsible for your own safety. Scrambling is a dangerous activity in that the consequences of a slip may be very serious. There are almost always alternative paths around (usually alongside) the planned scrambles. If conditions are not good or if you do not feel confident about the scrambling section then you should choose to take the alternative path. For your own safety you may wish to wear a helmet.

Climbing meets

Please Note:

You are responsible for your own safety. Before contacting the meet 'leader' about going on a climbing meet you should examine the relevant guidebook and decide whether the venue is a suitable one for you. If you have any queries about the venue or routes please discuss them with the meet leader.

At the meet venue you should make any arrangements to climb with other people yourself; the meet leader will not facilitate this although s/he may be able to make suggestions. Choose your climbing partner with care and take all precautions necessary to safeguard yourself, your partner and those around you at all times.