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# Pathway to Permits

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# Routes to a permit

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Skills, knowledge and prior experience (logged)

and or

A technical course

and / or

Additional logged experience





# Initial thoughts

- “Loads of leaders” want permits. If we advertise a course, take up can be patchy - run more local courses?
- Are permits needed for the activity envisaged? (You can still be adventurous in T0)
- Is there young people interest for the activity? (“Millennials”)
- Do leaders really need permits themselves or is it economic to book externally?
- Have leaders completed the training for their role?

# Generic Permit Process

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Candidate discusses with adviser / assessor to agree the route for assessment



Necessary training and / or experience gained



Assessment is undertaken and recorded via Compass or on paper form



The relevant Commissioner vets the application (including any mandatory training required for their role)



Permit is logged on Compass (with any restrictions)



Log-book maintained



Permit is assessed for renewal (max 5 years)



# Air Rifle Shooting

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- Not part of the Scout adventurous permit scheme.
- The Scout Association accepts various national governing body (NGB) qualifications. The most common is the National Small Bore Rifle Association Youth Proficiency Scheme Tutor (NSRA YPS)
- Adviser – Geoff Vanderplank
- Trainers - Gary Pidgeon or Steve Batchelor (NSRA County Coaches & coaches to Scout GB Rifle squad)





# Archery

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- Migrated from an archery NGB qualification to become part of the adventurous activity permit scheme a few years ago.
- The normal route is to undertake a GNAS Archery course and then have this validated.
- Adviser and County Assessor – Simeon Keenan
- GNAS Archery Trainer (external) – Arthur Scales

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# Climbing

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- Adviser and County Assessor - Alison Stockwell
- Alison runs courses ranging at various levels from introduction, through to artificial climbing walls and progressing to natural rock climbing.





# Kayaking

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- A combination of skills and experience, progressing through grades of water classification
- Adviser and County Assessor - Ian Bowditch
- Subject to demand Ian organises two day courses (typically at Bury lake in Rickmansworth) to cover basic paddling and rescue techniques. Subject to assessment, leading to a permit for flat waters such as Bury lake, HOAC, Grand Union Canal at SAC





# Raft Building

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- Adviser and County Assessor – Duncan Wakeling
- Subject to demand, we can organise training and assessment



# Narrow Boating

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- Adviser and County Assessor – Paul Huntley
- Paul can provide general advice and facilitate suitable training via the Hillingdon Narrow Boats Association based on the Grand Union Canal in Harefield.





# Sailing

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- Our County adviser is Paul Harris
- We have no County Assessor in GLMW and will facilitate any training and assessment via a neighbouring County



# Pulling (fixed seat rowing)

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- Our County adviser is Ken Crisp
- We have no County Assessor in GLMW and will facilitate any training and assessment via a neighbouring County





# Power Boating

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- Adviser and County Assessor - Ian Parkinson
- Subject to demand Ian can facilitate and assess training.
- Having a power boat permit is key to providing safety boat cover for other water sports



# Hillwalking

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- Advisers - Aaron Wiles and Graham Drabble and County Assessors - Andrew Furnell and Phil Gamston
- T1 is equivalent to the BMC Hill and Moorland Leader award and T2 to the Mountain Leader award. You need logged experience as well as an assessment.
- How do we get people from “T nothing” to a confident T0 standard (say Chilterns or the North Downs) to T1 and on to T2. Not everyone wants (or needs) T2.



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# Help Links

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Basic information and adviser / assessor names are on the County website.

There are also links to the activities section of the HQ web site including:

- A-Z of activities
- Permit NGB qualifications
- Assessor NGB qualifications

## Activities

All of the information you will need to  
activities we get