



Welcome to

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club



Club information

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club is a well-established organisation, having been founded over 50 years ago, and with a current membership approaching 200.



We offer the following:

- Hill and mountain walking
- Back-packing
- Rock climbing
- An active social calendar
- Monthly coach meets to mountaineering areas in England and Wales
- Trekking opportunities
- Other trips have included: Scotland, weekend trips to Youth Hostels and bothies, family weekends
- Well-appointed hut in Snowdonia

For members who want to learn or improve mountaineering skills we run the following:

- Map reading weekends
- Skills weekends
- New members weekends

For members wishing to climb we have the following available for hire:

- Ropes
- Helmets
- Harnesses

To qualify for membership

1. Register with the Membership Secretary and pay a prospective membership fee. You will then receive a copy of the monthly newsletter.
2. Over the following 6-8 months you must attend at least 2 mountaineering meets and one social event.
3. Completed application forms should then be returned to the Membership Secretary for presentation at the next committee meeting.

The WBMC meeting place



The Wheatsheaf
379 High Street,
West Bromwich,
B70 9QW

The club meets every Thursday night from 9.00pm in The Wheatsheaf.

If you're interested in becoming a member, join us for a chat and a drink.

Prospective Member Registration Form

Part A

Membership Rules

1. No person shall be proposed unless they have attended 2 WBMC mountaineering meets and 1 WBMC social event within 6 months of the date of registration shown on Part B of this application form.
2. Applicants are required to complete Parts A and B of this application form.
3. The Management Committee of WBMC shall have power to approve, reject, or defer any applicant for membership.
4. The Management Committee may ask an applicant to attend the Committee meeting at which their application is to be considered. The purpose of this invite is so that an applicant can meet the Committee and vice versa. Committee are held Thursday evenings following a Sunday coach meet.

Your Details

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email address _____

Home phone no. _____

Mobile no. _____

Date of birth _____

Newsletter Email / Post (please circle)

Next of Kin

Name _____

Address _____

Relationship to you _____

Contact phone no. _____

Signature & Date

Signature _____

Date _____

Club hut



Our hut is situated in the heart of the Snowdonia National Park, North Wales. It is set back from the A498 between Beddgelert and Capel Curig, in the grounds of Plas Gwynant Outdoor Education Centre (run by Sandwell Council). Its position is close to the foot of the Watkin path to Snowdon. It gives easy access to North Wales including coastal resorts.

The hut provides comfortable accommodation for up to 15 people. Facilities include alpine-style sleeping bunks, kitchen with boiling water on tap, a wood-burning stove and fully equipped toilet and shower block complete with tumble dryer and sinks.

Booking the Hut

The hut is open to members or guest accompanied by members 365 days a year. To book the hut, get in touch with our Hut Secretary, who will update you on how to purchase a hut key.

Email: hut-secretary@wbmc.org

Mobile: 07530 644874

Hut address:

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club Hut,
Grounds of Plas Gwynant Outdoor Education Centre,
Nant Gwynant,
Caernarfon,
LL554NR

Booking and use of the club hut

1. Bookings may be made only by members through the Hut Secretary
2. Up to six weekends a year will be named and published by the Committee as “Family Weekends”. On such weekends priority will be given to members taking their children. All accommodation must be booked by the Thursday before the weekend.
3. It is the responsibility of members using the hut to forward their outstanding money and those of their guests to the Hut Secretary within one calendar month of their stay. Failure to do so may result in future bookings being refused. Pay slips and stamped addressed envelopes are left in the hut to send payment to the Hut Secretary.
4. Members and guests who have booked with the Hut Secretary must be given priority for beds; un-booked parties will be required to vacate the hut when necessary.
5. A register is kept in the hut. All who use the facilities of the hut must complete this register in the approved manner on arrival.
6. Guests may only use the hut when accompanied by members – who will be held responsible for the good conduct of their guests.
7. Members misusing the facilities offered in the hut, or whose conduct as to bring the name of the Club into ill-repute, are liable to expulsion from the Club.
8. Hut fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Log Burner

Instructions for use

To ensure the fire burns properly please only use seasoned wood, dry kindling and paper to light the fire. Do not use cardboard, glossy magazines, etc. There is a Moisture Meter to check the wood, this should be under 20% moisture for cleaner burning.

Please do not overload the fire, it is best to use a small amount of wood and often rather than overloading as this will cause problems and reduce the life of the stove.



When Lighting the Fire

Both levers should be to the far right of the fire. As the fire needs air to start you may need to keep the door slightly open until it is well lit. When the fire is well established the lever with the match/flame on should be moved to the left of the fire. The lever with flames on should be used to control the intensity/burn of the wood. Use the black glove provided as the door handle can get very hot.

Cleaning the Glass

If the glass blackens, this can be removed when the fire is cold, moisten newspaper/paper towel with warm water and add some ash from the fire. Rub it over the glass, then clean the glass with clean water and dry well. If you need to clean the glass more thoroughly use the glass cleaner stored under the cupboard.

N.B. Manufacturer instructions are in the hut folder

Shower block

Key

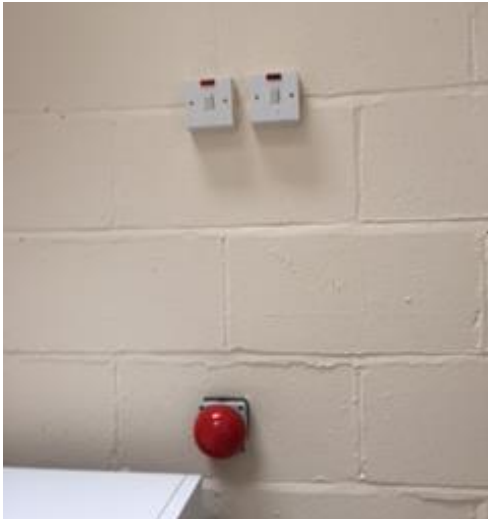


The key for the shower block is hanging on the light switch by the fuse board, attached to a ballcock.

Hopefully no one will ever have to use them, but in case of an emergency these supplies are available.

If anyone removes any supplies, please sign the contents checklist so that we can replenish any stock.

Hot Water



Inside the shower block on the left-hand side wall are 2 fixed fuse switches. The two illuminated ones side-by-side heat the water in the copper tank. As a rule they are normally left on; if they are off, switch them back on.

Do not touch the large red dome switch, this is for the main wall heater which does not currently work.

Heater



There is a heater located inside the shower room; pull the cord beneath it to switch between heat settings.

Safety

Use of Hand/Power tools

WBMC accept no responsibility for individuals using hand or power tools.

Work is carried out at your own risk, but please ensure that all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment is used.

Phone



There is a payphone in the shower block.

The grid reference for the hut is displayed on the wall just above the phone – quote this when asked for your location by the emergency services.

First Aid

The First Aid box is located in the shower block, on the wall by the sinks. Hopefully no one will ever have to use them, but in case of an emergency these supplies are available.

If anyone removes any supplies, please sign the contents checklist so that we can replenish any stock.



On leaving the hut

It is important on leaving the hut after your stay that you make sure you switch off the gas and electricity. Please also ensure that:

- All rubbish is taken away with you
- There is sufficient wood and kindling for the next visitors
- There is no food left in the fridges or cupboards
- You locked up both the hut and the shower block



Coach Information Sheet

West Bromwich Mountaineering Club organise a coach meet every month to visit a mountaineering/walking area with the aim of encouraging and helping members and guests to get into the great outdoors.

Depending on the destination, the coach trip will normally taken between 9 and 14 hours, however occasionally longer meets are organised. The coach is run by the Coach Secretary who can give you timings prior to booking as well as any additional information you may require.

Generally the club does not organise any walks; you are free to decide what you are going to do. However there are always experienced voices on the coach who are more that willing to give you advice on routes and places to go. A lot of people on the coach are happy for you to walk with them, however please respect that they are not mountain guides and they take no responsibility for leading you or anyone else.

Please ensure you receive a copy of the coach rules and have read and understood them before you leave the coach. They are designed to ensure everybody enjoys their day in the hills and if an incident does occur it is dealt with in the best way possible.

Equipment

Below is a list of equipment which should be seen as the minimum amount needed for a person to wear or carry so that they are suitably equipped for the mountains.

1. Relevant map(s)
2. Compass
3. Whistle
4. Head torch and spare batteries
5. Waterproof coat
6. Waterproof trousers
7. Extra warm clothing
8. Survival bag
9. Sufficient food and drink for the day
10. Emergency food
11. Suitable rucksack
12. First aid kit
13. Hat
14. Gloves
15. Appropriate walking boots
16. Mobile phone
17. Change of clothes

If you are going to walk above the snowline, an ice-axe and crampons must be carried

Phone numbers

Coach Mobile Number: 07724 316311

Coach Secretary Number: 07703 345729