

Girlguiding Walking Courses 2025

Saturday 18 – Friday 24 October 2025

Compass Christian Centre, Glenshee Lodge, By Blairgowrie, Perthshire, PH10 7QD

Are you interested in attending a Walking Scheme training course to extend your existing walking skills? Have you previously completed a training course and are now ready for assessment?



These courses will further develop your skills so that you can lead fun walking activities in more remote areas, that will build girls and young women's confidence, as well as giving them time out in the open air to think and re-charge. Our courses are open to all Girlguiding members and volunteers aged 18 and over, who have the relevant walking experience. National bursaries to cover 50% of the course fee or 50% of travel costs will be available for those who will use the qualification to take young members into the hills. Talk to your country/region walking adviser to ensure you book the most appropriate course for you.

You can find out more about the Walking Scheme here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-volunteers/learning-and-development/leading-outdoor-adventures/walking-scheme/>

Girlguiding Walking Scheme Level 3 Training

If you are already qualified at Level 2 with further mountain walking experience, this course is a natural next step. However, you do not have to have completed Level 2 to do Level 3 if you already have enough relevant experience. You should have completed 20 days of walks in open country or above, with some mountain walking experience.

Girlguiding Walking Scheme Level 3 Assessment

You must have completed a Girlguiding Level 3 training course or a Mountain Leader training course or gained exemption from training. Your logbook must have 20 quality hill walking days in remote and extreme country.

Mountain Training Hill and Moorland Leader (HML) Assessment

This course is for those who have completed HML or ML training, or who have had MT exemption from HML training, and who have logged at least 40 quality hill days. This course may be completed on its own (30 hours) or in addition to the Level 3 assessment included in the same overall fee.

Mountain Training Mountain Leader (ML) Training

This course is for those with experience in remote and extreme country who have logged at least 20 quality mountain days.

Mountain Training Mountain Leader (ML) Assessment

This course is for those who have completed Mountain Leader training or have had exemption from such training from MT, and who have logged at least 40 quality mountain days.

General Information

Participants should arrive late afternoon on Saturday 18 October for a meal together and in time for an introduction session that evening. All meals, bed linen and dormitory accommodation in single beds/bunks will be provided and is included in the course fee, but you will need to bring your own towel, and slippers or soft indoor shoes. Also bring your mountain outdoor clothing and equipment (plus overnight kit and expedition food for those on ML courses only). You are expected to cover your own travel costs and we will need to use cars during the week to get to walking areas. However, do try to lift share where possible. Safety equipment will be provided if required. There is a drying room.

Booking Information

If you are interested in attending one of the walking courses, please complete the online booking form here by **Monday 30 June**. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/girlguiding-walking-courses-2025-tickets-1302940814049?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Courses	Dates	Course Fee
Girlguiding Level 3 Training course	Sat 18 – Fri 24 Oct	£265
Girlguiding Level 3 Assessment course	Sat 18 – Fri 24 Oct	£295
Hill and Moorland Leader (HML) Assessment course	Sat 18 – Tues 21 Oct	£180
Girlguiding Level 3 Assessment course and HML Assessment course (combined)	Sat 18 – Fri 24 Oct	£295
Mountain Leader (ML) Training course	Sat 18 – Fri 24 Oct	£410
Mountain Leader (ML) Assessment course	Sat 18 – Fri 24 Oct	£385

When you book a course, please also send your walking logbook to walking@girlguiding.org.uk, or share your Mountain Training DLOG with us, when you book. This is particularly important if you are booking for an assessment course. This enables the trainers and assessors to review your logbook with sufficient time for you to make any required updates or do further walks if required – it is fine to still add further logbook walks before you attend an assessment course.

If you are booking for the Hill and Moorland Leader (HML) assessment course or the Mountain Leader (ML) assessment course or the Mountain Leader (ML) training course you will need to register for the appropriate qualification with Mountain Training as well as becoming a Mountaineering Council member (British Mountaineering Council, Mountaineering Scotland or Mountaineering Ireland). There are additional fees for this. More information about the Mountain Training courses, registration process and fees can be found here: <https://www.mountain-training.org/help/girlguiding> and here <https://www.mountain-training.org/campaign/register-now>

Payment

Please arrange to pay a non-refundable **deposit of £50** with your booking. You agree to pay the full amount by **Thursday 31 July**.

If there are not sufficient participants for the course to run, your deposit will be refunded.

If you cancel your place on any course after Thursday 31 July, your fees will be non-refundable unless you are able to find a replacement candidate.

Early-Bird Booking Discount – if you book and pay your deposit by Saturday 31 May, your balance payment will be reduced by £20.

Ways to pay

You can pay by bank transfer (BACS) using the following details:

Account Name (Business account): The Guide Association

Sort Code: 51-50-14

Account No: 46915192

Reference: Your name followed by 'Walking 25'

Please email walking@girlguiding.org.uk once you have made this bank transfer, so we can make a note of this on our records.

Alternatively, you can post a cheque made payable to "Girlguiding" or "The Guide Association" to:
Beverley Akufo-Addo, Learning and Development, Girlguiding, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London
SW1W 0PT.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email us at walking@girlguiding.org.uk