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**Congratulations** on choosing a Glenmore Lodge course. As Scotland's National Outdoor Training centre we have been delivering world class training for over 60 years. Our instructors are amongst the most experienced in the country; add to that the quality of the equipment you can borrow, our range of on-site facilities, as well as our food and accommodation and we believe it is clear that not only will a Glenmore Lodge course offer you the best possible learning experience, but that the value for money we offer is second to none.

Glenmore Lodge is a fun and welcoming environment and we take pride in helping you to develop your personal skills, whatever level you might be at. We look forward to seeing you here soon.

## Winter Lead Climbing

### Is It For Me?

This week is all about developing the technical skills required to lead winter climbs at Grade II+ confidently and competently. Participants will have an opportunity to lead climbs at an appropriate grade and must be aware of the inherent risk involved in winter lead climbing and be prepared to accept some responsibility for their own safety.

This is one of the most demanding winter courses, to get the most from the course, regular experience of leading graded rock climbs (including multi-pitch routes of at least VDiff/Severe), plus winter hill walking experience is essential.

### Aim

To develop a safe and competent approach to leading a variety of winter climbs at Grade II+.

### Course Content

You will usually be in a group of no more than two with one instructor. Meeting your instructor on the first morning provides an opportunity to discuss everyone's experience and aspirations enabling the instructor to plan the programme based around these. The main topics to be covered are:

- Recap of core winter skills, such as using ice axe and crampons, for approaching climbs
- Basic rope work (tying into multi point anchors) and belaying both leader and second
- Use of technical ice tools and crampons on a variety of mediums (rock, ice, snow, turf)
- Coaching to develop personal climbing technique on ice and mixed ground
- Escaping from winter multi pitch climbs (including abseiling from a variety of anchors)
- Developing winter lead climbing strategies
- Avalanche awareness and its implications for safe route choice
- Winter navigation
- Evening sessions may include an avalanche awareness talk and a general interest talk.

The programme is fairly flexible taking into account individual needs and aims, weather, etc.



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## What will I need?

Glenmore Lodge has a large, comprehensive store of up-to-date clothing and equipment. You are welcome to use your own equipment and pick and choose odd items from the store. Your instructor will want to check that personal equipment is appropriate for the activity. If you are thinking about buying equipment (things like ice axe, boots and crampons) but are not too sure what to get we would advise you to come and try our equipment and then make your purchases after the course.

## What we can supply?

- ✓ Basic waterproof jackets and trousers
- ✓ Plastic Boots
- ✓ Gaiters
- ✓ Crampons
- ✓ Ice Axes
- ✓ Helmets
- ✓ Day Sac
- ✓ Any technical equipment if applicable such as harness, rope and climbing equipment

## What will you need to bring?

Listed here are the essentials; this is not an exhaustive list.

- ✓ Thermals or suitable under clothing
- ✓ Insulating layers – at least one mid weight and one warm fleece layer
- ✓ General trekking trousers are recommended, not jeans though.
- ✓ Thick socks (several pairs)
- ✓ Spare fleece/insulated jacket
- ✓ Waterproof jacket (with a good hood)
- ✓ Waterproof over-trousers or salopettes
- ✓ Hat & balaclava plus spare
- ✓ Mitts & gloves
- ✓ Ski goggles (should have double lens to avoid misting up)
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Compass - Silva type 4 recommended
- ✓ Maps and waterproof map case. 1:50,000 map of the Cairngorms
- ✓ Headtorch
- ✓ Rucksack liner
- ✓ Vacuum Flask & Water Bottle
- ✓ Box or bag for packed lunch.
- ✓ Survival Bag - Plastic type
- ✓ Personal toiletries, medications & personal first aid kit (towels are provided)
- ✓ Suncream
- ✓ We have a small pool, sauna, gym & climbing wall - so any relevant kit (including spare towel)

## Remember the price is all inclusive

We want our customers to easily know what their course will cost, up front and in the open. Accommodation on the night before and the nights during your course, pick up from the train station (Friday and Sunday evenings only), breakfast, lunch, cake break and dinner are all included. All transportation on the course, centre facilities & any equipment you borrow are also part of the package

