

Expedition Leader Requirements

Training Ventures

Minimum staffing of 2 staff per venture
(In the instance of a single group the second member of staff can be a "Reliable Adult")

Environment	Group	Requirements for Supervising Leader	Leader Qualification
Normally start or finish in the two Counties / City	1 Group	Familiarity of the routes and area	Local Expedition Accreditation or higher
Normal Countryside Lowland	1 Group + 1 Group ----- 1 Group	Qualified Leader or Trained and Recognised Leader + Trained Leader (in close proximity to Qualified Leader) ----- Trained and Recognised leader	ABEL or Higher
Open Countryside/ non Mountainous Wild Country	1 Group + 1 Group	Qualified Leader + Trained and Recognised Leader (In close proximity to Qualified Leader)	WGL /ML or Higher
Mountainous / Wild Country	1 Group	Qualified Leader	ML or Higher

Notes:

1. Where a National Governing Body Award is shown, as the Leader Qualification, Assessment must have been completed.
2. **First Aid:** All staff, at any leader status **must** hold a current first aid certificate, minimum of 4-hour course.
3. Operation outside this framework maybe be permitted via early submission and discussion of intentions.

For Definitions see over

Definitions for Training Ventures

Qualified Leader: A person who holds a National Governing Body qualification, either Award in Basic Expedition Leadership (ABEL), Walking Group Leader (WGL), Mountain Leader Award (summer or winter), Mountain Instructor Award or Mountain Instructor Certificate or Mountain Guide. The qualified leader has full responsibility for all groups under their direction.

Trained Leader: A person who has completed training, but has not yet enough experience to gain recognition.

Trained and Recognised Leader: A Person who has completed WGL, or ML training course or achieved exemption from training, submitted their logbook, to the Outdoor Education Adviser who will recognise their experience.

Local Expedition Accreditation: A Person who has completed 6 hour training course, they can operate with groups but not for remote supervision training. Must meet the conditions about route/area knowledge.

Reliable Adult: a person who is deemed competent to carry out support tasks and actively support a qualified leader supervising groups (max 2) whilst on qualifying expeditions. The qualified leader has overall responsibility for the expedition groups. The leader must define the tasks for the person fulfilling this role. This person must be assigned support tasks commensurate with their skills and abilities.

First Aid: All staff, at any leader status **must** hold a current first aid certificate, minimum of 4-hour course.

Group Size:

Training Ventures: A group would normally consist of up to 12 participants (which may be split into two or three smaller groups) for close contact training. Where remote training/supervision is employed to simulate a qualifying expedition, the maximum group size is 7.

Assessed Venture: Group size is set at a maximum of 7 participants

Environments:

Normal Countryside

Cultivated Land, low lying rural countryside, valleys or forest and gentle to moderate terrain with no steep slopes not more than 30 mins normal walking time from a refuge or road

Open Countryside / non mountainous wild country

Uncultivated land, non mountainous, hilly terrain known as upland, moor, bog, fell or down, semi remote i.e. Dark Peak Area, North York Moors, Black Mountains

Mountainous, Wild Country:

Steep Mountainous and/or remote country i.e., Snowdonia, Lake District, Highlands

Normally start or finish in the two Counties / City

Journey departs from or arrives back into your County, ie from Lincs back into Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire into Suffolk, Northamptonshire into Bedfordshire. Not outside the defined remit.

All activity comes under the leadership framework