

NZOIA™ Rock Climbing Leader Scope and Syllabus

Scope

Rock Climbing Leader Profile

The NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader can:

- Plan and prepare introductory rock climbing experiences.
- Instruct groups in the rock climbing skills required for a positive introductory experience.
- Lead and manage groups for an introductory rock climbing session.
- Demonstrate effective safety management.
- Obtain weather forecasts and apply weather interpretation skills.
- Provide interpretive information about natural and cultural history and about flora and fauna.
- Role model accepted environmental practices.

The NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader can work independently without direct supervision. Leaders are qualified to operate within an activity specific risk management plan but the qualification does not define the skill set required to approve such a plan.

This is a foundation level qualification and provides a stepping stone towards the Instructor level qualifications.

Instructional Scope

The holder of this qualification can organise bouldering where the landing zone is flat and hazard free and the climbers feet do not exceed a height of 1.6 metres off the ground.

Can set up single pitch top rope climbs where:

- Haul lines are in place and regular checks of anchors are completed by the organisation managing the venue.
- Or
- There is easy walking access to the top rope anchors.
 - There are fixed anchors (bolts, chains, waratahs), bollards, trees or threads.
 - The Leader has visited the site previously and had their set up approved by an NZOIA Rock Climbing Instructor Level 1 or 2.
 - Personal safety can be set up simply using fixed anchors.

The following are examples of venues that could be within the scope of a Leader depending on the characteristics of the group, weather conditions and equipment. Not all climbs at these crags will be within scope:

Castle Hill – Arthurs Pass

Wharepapa South

Kinloch – Lake Taupo

Tihoi

Castle Rock (South Island)– Battlements

Mt Eden Quarry – short side

Albert Tce and Cattle Stop– Port Hills

Mt Horrible – Timaru Spur Road – Timaru

Hospital Flat – Wanaka

Paynes Ford – Creese Wall

Artificial Climbing walls

The following are examples of venues that would be outside the scope of the NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader:

Death Wall or Middle Earth – Mangatepopo Valley

Meads Wall

Whanganui Bay

Titahi Bay (access too complicated)

Pre-requisites

The NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader will have climbed at least 20 routes (any grade) while on a top rope (any grade) at either indoor or outdoor venues **and** no less than 5 days additional experience as a co-leader or assistant leader, providing assistance with the setup and management of group climbing at indoor and/or outdoor venues.

The NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader will hold a current First Aid qualification.

The NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader will be 18 years old or over.

Revalidation

The NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader qualification remains valid as long as the holder completes NZOIA's revalidation and registration requirements.

Progressing to Instructor level qualifications

As the NZOIA Rock Climbing Leader gains more experience they may progress towards gaining the NZOIA Rock Instructor Level 1 qualification. The steps they would follow include:

- Gaining the experience outlined in the NZOIA Rock Instructor Level 1 pre-requisites.
- Attending an NZOIA Instructor Level 1 training course.
- Working with a NZOIA Rock Instructor Level 1 or 2.

Syllabus

Technical Competence

1. Demonstrate and / or describe care and correct use of rock climbing gear and equipment.
2. Construct a top rope climbing system.
3. Demonstrate efficient and safe climbing techniques.
4. Demonstrate safe belaying technique.
5. Demonstrate rock climbing rescue skills.

The Environment

6. Obtain a weather forecast and apply weather interpretation skills.
7. Demonstrate cultural and environmental knowledge and interpretation of areas visited.
8. Understand and role model accepted environmental practices.

Group Management and Leadership

9. Lead and manage a group for an introductory rock climbing session.
10. Demonstrate effective safety management.

Instruction

11. Plan and prepare an introductory rock climbing experience.
12. Instruct a group in the rock climbing skills required for a positive introductory experience.