

Mendip Caving Group

Probationary members log

This is a skills/knowledge list, not a qualification. Completing this list does not imply any level of expertise. Always cave safely within your limits of competence.

Name	Date
	Answers
1. Cottage	
Where are cottage cleaning materials	
How does the heating work	
Where is firewood stored	
Where are keys for the wood store/drying room and tackle store	
Where are lamps and portable devices charged	
Where is the water isolation tap for the outside washdown.	
In the event of a FIRE, where is the GAS isolation tap.	
Where is the dirty gear wash down	
Section 1 signed off by a full Member	
	Answers
2. Keeping gear clean	
Why is it important to wash down ropes	
Why is it important to wash down ladders and metal gear	
Why should batteries be removed from club helmets	
Where should dirty gear not be washed	
If gear is defective or worn, what should you do	
Section 2 signed off by a full Member	
3. The club committee	
List the committee members and their roles: -	

Learn how spreaders are used	
Learn how to use slings on pitches, and as an emergency sit-harness	
Know how to stuff kit bags	
Learn about emergency rations	
Who is responsible for keeping kit clean	
7. Demonstrate safe rigging and belaying on a ladder pitch in a cave	
Accompanied by a Full Member, you will need to go on a trip which has a ladder pitch. You will need to demonstrate that you can rig a ladder safely, and belay people on the pitch safely. The full member will need to sign off this section. Shildon's and Sludge Pit are ideal for this.	
Trip location	
Date	
Full Members name	
Full Members signature	
7. Personal gear. To become a full member you will be expected to own the following items of gear. (Tick each item you own) :-	
Helmet	
Lamp	
Undersuit	
Oversuit	
Wellies	
Gloves	
At least one long sling	
At least 2 HMS carabiners (These are large, pear shaped, locking carabiners)	

8. Going on trips (Tick when you are confident with each point)	
Use of Call Out Cards or other Call Outs	
Use of the Tackle Log	
Understand Cave Conservation	

Know how to call out the emergency services	
Know where to look online for Cave Access details	
Understand the CCC Ltd permit system, how to get one and how to issue a key	
Know which caves must have trips recorded in the Blackmoor log and the location of the log	
Know which caves must have trips recorded in the Longwood log and the location of the log	
Read the Cave Access page in the Club Website	
9. Understanding the club	
Answer in the spaces given	
Who uses the club	
Who cleans the club	
Who maintains the club	
Who decides club policy	
Can you bring friends to the club	
Why are there donation boxes	
What is the WIFI code	
What is the purpose of BCA insurance (details on the club website. Paragraph 3 is key)	
10. Caving Log	
To become a full member, you should have completed at least 10 trips in at least 4 caves	
1 Cave/Date	
2 Cave/Date	
3 Cave/Date	

4 Cave/Date	
5 Cave/Date	
6 Cave/Date	
7 Cave/Date	
8 Cave/Date	
9 Cave/Date	
10 Cave/Date	
11. Members weekend	
To become a full member, you should have attended at least one day on a member's weekend	
Date attended	
12. Full Membership	
You will need 2 Full Members to sign you off so that you New Members Log can be submitted to Committee for full membership approval	
Full Members Name	Date
Signed	
Full Members Name	Date
Signed	

Committee Approval: Once sections 1 to 12 are signed off pass this log to the trustees for approval for full membership. The transfer will be recorded in the minutes of a trustees meeting.