



Pathways to Permits

Climbing and abseiling

There are five levels of [permit available for climbing](#). These are:

- Artificial Top Rope
- Natural Top Rope
- Artificial Lead
- Natural Lead
- Multi-Pitch

All natural rock permits cover the equivalent artificial permits, unless restrictions state otherwise. Where any element of climbing involves walking in Terrain One or Terrain Two then the relevant Hillwalking Permit is required by a member of the group. This includes walking to or from a climbing area.

If you have a leadership permit for top rope climbing you can lead up to two top rope climbing systems at a time, unless a restriction is in place reducing the number of ropes to one.

If you have a leadership permit for lead climbing, you can lead one climbing rope system at a time. If you have a leadership permit to lead multi-pitch climbing you can lead one rope system at a time.

