



7 Day Abseiling Guide Course (Single Pitch – Natural Surfaces) (Formerly Abseiling Instructor Course)

Course Overview

The South West Regional College of TAFE in partnership with Outdoor Discoveries provides accredited training and assessment in the technical roping competencies required to be registered as a Single Pitch Abseiling Guide – Natural Surfaces. You will be trained and assessed in nine units of competency and have the option to take part in a skills recognition process for another seven units from national training packages. These units together with a current first aid qualification and a logbook of recent guiding experience will allow registration with the National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme (NOLRS).

This course replaces the original Department of Sport and Recreation Abseiling Instructor Course that has been ongoing since 1991. This is a seven-day course covering both theoretical and practical aspects of technical roping at a level comparable to the previous course.

Participants who complete this course will receive a Certificate from Outdoor Discoveries and a Statement of Attainment from SW Regional College of TAFE for the units of competency successfully completed. When participants have sufficient units of competency and together with a current first aid qualification and a logbook of recent guiding experience you will be able to register with the NOLRS via Outdoors WA as an Abseiling Guide (Single Pitch – Natural Surfaces).

Candidate Prerequisites

Prospective candidates must have the following prior to the start of the course:

- A good understanding of roping techniques
- A good understanding of first six chapters of the Vertical Rescue Manual
- Completed and signed student profile **with full disclosure of medical details.**
- Completed and signed student waiver.

Candidate Current Competencies

This course is designed for people who have a good, basic understanding of single rope techniques (SRT) who require a nationally recognised qualification. **This course is not designed for those with little or no roping experience and these candidates are likely to fail this course.**

The following skills and experience are **essential** for candidates to have a good chance of passing this course:

- To be a competent and experienced abseiler on natural surfaces
- Exposure to at least one of caving, rescue, rock climbing or mountaineering
- Experience in belaying using belay plate, belay tube or Gri-Gri including locking off
- Experience in bottom brake belaying of an abseiler
- Experience in prussiking or other ascending systems
- Experience with or at least exposure to knots such as figure 8, figure 9 and alpine butterfly
- Experience with or at least exposure to rigging abseil lines or climbing belays using natural anchors
- Experience in instructing students and adults in roping techniques

Those candidates who cannot demonstrate the above current competencies on the first day will be recommended to postpone the course until they have these skills.

Course Dates

- 11th to 17th July 2010 – Perth and surrounds.
- 28th November to 5th December 2010 – Perth and surrounds.
- Third week of January 2011 – Albany and surrounds – to be confirmed.

Venue

Training and assessment is conducted at a variety of venues to provide a broad range of contexts for guiding abseiling programs. Most venues will be natural sites and will be in the Perth region (with the exception of the Albany course).

Cost

The cost for the course is \$1095.00. All fees must be paid at time of enrolment and no refund will be due if cancellation occurs within one week of course commencement.

The South West Regional College of TAFE and Outdoor Discoveries reserve the right to cancel any course should minimum numbers not be met, in which case a full refund will be returned to participants.

Additional Costs

Additional costs such as food, travel and accommodation, entry fees and permit fees as required are not included in the course fees and should be organised and paid for by the participant.

Trainers and Assessors

Brett Huntly, David Byers, Julie Anderson or another similarly qualified and experienced staff member will be the instructor in charge on all courses. They will be assisted by highly qualified and experienced trainers and assessors.

Assessment

Assessment of the competencies of the course will be via a range of assessment methods including observation during course, practical demonstrations, and theory assessments that will be described in an assessment plan provided. Should you be unsuccessful in gaining competency during the course you will be allowed one opportunity to be re-assessed on the final assessment day (time permitting). If you are unsuccessful you will also be welcome to join us on any subsequent course in the next 12 months at no additional cost to gain further training and re-assess on the assessment day(s).

Enrolment

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