



7 Day Abseiling and Top Rope Climbing Guide Course **(Single Pitch – Natural Surfaces)** (Formerly Abseiling Instructor Course)

Course Overview

Outdoor Discoveries together with Professional and Technical Training Australia (PATTA) as the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) provides industry training and assessment in the roping skills and knowledge considered a minimum requirement to be considered an Abseiling and Top Rope Climbing Guide – (Single Pitch - Natural Surfaces).

Candidates who complete all the course requirements will receive a letter and a certificate from Outdoor Discoveries and a Statement of Attainment from PATTA.

You will be trained and assessed in ten areas of competency which are units required to be considered a roping guide.

This course replaces the original Department of Sport and Recreation Abseiling Instructor Course that has been ongoing since 1991.

Candidate Prerequisites

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

- A good understanding of Single Rope Techniques (SRT).
- Logged evidence of assisting with abseiling and climbing programmes for novice groups
- 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 not be successful on 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
- To be a competent and experienced climber on natural surfaces
- To be a competent belayer with belay tube or belay plate including the locking-off of these devices
- To be a competent bottom brake belayer of an abseiler
- To be competent at prussiking or other rope ascending systems
- To be competent at hanking and coiling ropes
- To be familiar with top line belaying of an abseiler
- To be familiar with top line belaying of a climber
- To be familiar with multi-point rigging systems
- To have experience with or at least exposure to knots such as figure 8, figure 9, alpine butterfly and double fisherman's.
- To have exposure to rigging abseil lines or climbing belays using natural anchors
- To have 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

12th to 18th December 2026

Cut-off date for enrolment: Friday 27th November 2026

Venue

Training and assessment is conducted at a variety of venues to provide a broad range of contexts for guiding abseiling and top rope climbing programmes. Most venues will be natural sites and will be in the Perth region.

Cost

The cost for the course is \$1,950.00. All fees must be paid at time of enrolment and no refund will be due if cancellation occurs within one week of course commencement.

Outdoor Discoveries reserves the right to cancel any course should minimum numbers not be met, in which case a full refund will be returned to candidates.

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, Colin Walker and/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 relevant assessment day(s).

Enrolment

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