

Scope of the scheme



This defines the area in which trail walking takes place and hence the training syllabus. No single statement should be used to justify the selection of a route.

- The walks are on **Trails** that are well defined **manmade** walking routes that **may or may not have directional** markings.
- The walks are in terrain with **minimal hazards** and **low risk** and the leader is likely to be no further than one or two hours walk from assistance.
- The trails may be in **forests, coast and open-countryside**
- The walks are undertaken during **summer conditions**.
- The trail may also be **all or part of 'waymarked ways' or 'looped' walks** but not when they enter out of scope terrain
- The walks will require **leadership skills** and the ability to plan, carry out simple tasks using **a map and compass** and to be **self-sufficient** for extended periods of the day.

Outside the scope of the scheme

The training for the Lowland Leader Award scheme does **NOT** cover the techniques and skills required to safely lead others on:

Paths with or without directional signs that enter terrain where there is the possibility that the leader will be required to use complex navigation techniques, such as the ability to walk on a compass bearing and to be able to recognize complex land relief and contours. The appropriate training for this terrain is the WGL.

Where the trail enters terrain that may require, in addition to the above, the ability to cope with steep ground the ML is the appropriate award