



# Mynydd Climbing Club

## Introduction

Welcome to the Mynydd Climbing Club - one of the most active mountaineering clubs in the South Manchester and High Peak area!

The Mynydd was formed in 1955, and has a membership of around 220, based mainly round South Manchester, Stockport, Glossop, New Mills, Buxton, and Macclesfield.

The Welsh name "Mynydd" translates as "Mountain" in English. We have close links with Wales, and have our own hut in the beautiful Crafnant valley in Snowdonia.

Our members have diverse interests ranging from rock climbing, sport climbing, bouldering, alpine climbing and mountaineering to fell running, skiing and mountain biking.

We like to think of ourselves as a friendly, non-elitist club. We have some very capable climbers amongst our members, but we operate at all grades, and encompass all ages. Beginners are welcome. We are a family - friendly club, with supervised children of all ages welcome on meets and at the hut.

We have a very active climbing programme with regular local crag meets every Tuesday night and weekend trips roughly every other weekend in summer, visiting most of the major UK climbing areas. We have walking, winter mountaineering, climbing wall and social meets during the winter months. There are usually at least two longer trips abroad during the year - at Easter and over the Summer.

Our meets are very informal, and you only need to turn up to get a climb or two, so do come down and join us - it's by far the best way to get to know us all! Contact the Membership Secretary or a Committee member if you're intending to come on a meet for the first time, and we'll make sure you are introduced and that you will have a climbing partner.

## Web Site

Find out more about us on our website: [www.mynydd.org.uk](http://www.mynydd.org.uk)

There are dedicated pages showing our Evening and Weekend Meets lists.

There is also a Forum section where we all post the latest news and gossip on meets and events - any last minute changes to plans tend to be posted here.

## Membership

The club welcomes applications for membership from any person over the age of 18 who demonstrates an active interest in climbing or mountaineering and the club's activities. The club has two stages of membership - the first stage is Aspirant Membership and the second is Full Membership:

**1) Aspirant Membership** is available to all new members by submitting a completed application form for Aspirant Membership (obtainable from the Membership Secretary or by downloading it from the website) together with payment of the Aspirant subscription (see below).

Benefits of Aspirant Membership include:

- being able to take part in all the club's meets and activities

- enjoying the BMC's Club Membership benefits (including £5m third party liability insurance)
- staying at the club's Hut (at the Guest rate) if on a Meet or accompanied by a Full Member.
- access to some other club huts under "reciprocal right" agreements.
- Receiving Club Journals and other communications.
- Enjoying Concessionary entry prices at some local climbing walls (see Meets section for more details)

**2) Full Membership:** Aspirant members are normally expected to apply for Full membership within 12 months and during this time have demonstrated an enthusiasm for climbing and usually attended four weekend meets or made themselves known to other members to the satisfaction of the Committee. Their application must be supported by two Full Members.

Aspirants who meet these criteria can apply by submitting an application form for Full Club Membership obtainable from the Membership Secretary or by downloading it from the website. No incremental subscription is required in that calendar year.

Benefits of Full Membership include all the benefits for Aspirant Members (listed above) plus:

- Full access to the club's Hut at the Member rate.
- the right to take Guests to the hut.
- the right to vote at the club's AGM.

**Membership Subscription Rates** (to the end of the calendar year):

	2010	2010
<b>Aspirant Member:</b> Joining before 1 <sup>st</sup> July	£17	£17
<b>Aspirant Member:</b> Joining between 1 <sup>st</sup> July and 1 <sup>st</sup> October	£8.50	£8.50
<b>Aspirant Member:</b> Joining after 1 <sup>st</sup> October (covers to the end of the next calendar year)	£20	£20
<b>Full Member:</b> Single	£26	£26
<b>Full Member:</b> Couple at same address	£45	£45

Subscriptions are due by 1st January each year and are payable to **Steve Waters** (Membership Secretary). Steve can be contacted on **07812 118 056** or by email on **mynyddmember@btinternet.com**

## Meets

The club arranges an extensive programme of evening, weekend and holiday meets throughout the length and breadth of the UK and overseas. As well as the core activity of rock climbing and mountaineering, there are mountain bike meets, skiing and ski mountaineering meets and a fell race. There is usually an Easter trip for sunny sport climbing, Scottish meets for ice and rock climbing and summer trips to Europe.

In summer, we meet on Tuesday evenings, usually at Peak District crags. The first evening meet of the month is always at a venue particularly appropriate for beginners.

In winter, we meet on Tuesday evenings at one of the various climbing walls in Manchester, Stockport and Sheffield. (All club members are able to climb at Concessionary prices at any time at Manchester Climbing Centre and on our Tuesday evening meets at Awesome Walls Stockport and The Edge Sheffield).

We meet socially on Thursday evenings at the Royal Hotel in Hayfield from about 9:15pm.

During the winter a series of lectures/slide shows is arranged monthly for Thursday nights at the Royal.

## Social Events

The club has a vibrant social calendar - the main social event of the year being the Annual Dinner, usually held in a hotel in a climbing area. In addition to this, each year we have a Bonfire Party at the club Hut, a Photo Competition evening, and a Holiday Photo evening. Day meets are sometimes followed by a Hot-pot or Curry.

## The Club Hut - Blaen y Nant



Blaen-y-Nant is situated at the head of the striking Crafnant valley approximately three and a half miles southwest from the village of Trefriw in Snowdonia (GR 738 603). Originally a farmhouse, after a few years as a Youth Hostel it fell into disrepair and was acquired for lease by the Mynydd in 1958, who over the years have steadily improved it to its present condition.

Blaen-y-Nant is now a comfortable though rustic and atmospheric hut, much treasured by the members and their families, and by the many other organisations that use it. It has three bedrooms, sleeping a possible (and often achieved!) 24 people, and a 4th bedroom reserved for up to 6 members who may use the hut regardless of any other groups who may be staying there. For "overspill" occasions there is camping in the garden. It has an excellent and recently refurbished kitchen with good cooking facilities, heated by a Rayburn stove and a large and convivial lounge, with traditional open fire. There are flush toilets and washrooms, a drying room and also (for the fastidious), a hot shower.

Blaen-y-Nant is superbly placed overlooking Llyn Crafnant and surrounded by craggy hills. There is quality rock climbing in the valley, and the club has recently published a guidebook for Crafnant. Being in the south part of the Carneddau, the reasonably fit can walk to Craig-yr-Ysfa, to Tryfan or Moel Siabod, while Capel Curig is only 2 miles on foot. There is also excellent hill walking more locally. Without leaving the valley, you can climb, walk, mountain bike, relax or party!

The hut is in a secluded position - ideal for large gatherings like the Bonfire night - and is family-friendly.

The hut is reserved for club members on all Bank Holidays and school Half Term weeks.

**Hut Rates** (cost per night per person):

Full Members £4.50

Members' Guests \* £5.50

Members' Children £3

\* only Full Members may take guests

Whilst members can go to the hut at any time, they are advised to first check with **Chris Moore** (Hut Booking secretary) to check which outside group may be in residence. She can be contacted on **Tel 01663 746 413 or by email on [chrism44ind@yahoo.com](mailto:chrism44ind@yahoo.com)**

Fuel is provided for the open fires, whilst cooking is by bottled gas (also provided). The hut is served by electricity, and water is taken from local hillside streams with U.V. treatment for the kitchen.

Ample parking is available.

Maintenance at the hut is usually done on a voluntary basis by club members on designated working meets. The meets are good fun, and, for new members they are an excellent way of getting to know people in the club.

Keys for Blaen y Nant are available from Chris Moore (01663 746 413) at a nominal charge of £10

## **Reciprocal Rights**

Mynydd members have the right to use the huts of two designated clubs:

- Bowderstone hut - Borrowdale ( Northumbrian Mountaineering Club)
- Coppermines hut - Coniston ( Yorkshire Mountaineering Club)

A stay at these huts must be with the agreement of the respective clubs. Contact Chris Moore for details and to borrow a key.

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