



International Scottish Winter Climbing Meet 2025

1-8 March 2025

HOST INFORMATION SHEET

OVERVIEW

The Scottish Winter Climbing Meet has been a highlight on the international climbing calendar for over 25 years and has attracted climbers from across the world eager to experience the unique Scottish winter experience. The meet has been running since 1997 and the last full meet was hosted by Mountaineering Scotland in 2020.

Overseas guest climbers will be paired up with experienced UK-based hosts - an excellent formula that has proved to be very successful in the past. In return for sharing their local knowledge and expertise, UK climbers gain a wider perspective by climbing with their (often very accomplished) international visitors. In previous years many hosts and guests have formed strong partnerships that have gone on to make major ascents further afield and in the Greater Ranges.

Beginning in Aviemore on Saturday 1 March 2025, the week-long event will be delivered by Mountaineering Scotland in close partnership with the British Mountaineering Council, the Alpine Club and the Scottish Mountaineering Club.

THE EVENT WILL START AND FINISH AT GLENMORE LODGE, SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL OUTDOOR TRAINING CENTRE, NEAR AVIEMORE, BUT INSTEAD OF BEING BASED IN A SINGLE LOCATION, CLIMBERS WILL ROTATE BETWEEN CLIMBING HUTS, AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL SPEND AT LEAST ONE NIGHT IN THE CIC HUT ON BEN NEVIS. THE FINAL NIGHT WILL BE AT GLENMORE LODGE ON FRIDAY 7 MARCH AND THE EVENT WILL FINISH AT GLENMORE LODGE ON SATURDAY 8 MARCH.

HOST EXPERIENCE

- You must be 18 years old or over.
- You need to be a competent climber with experience of winter climbing in Scotland.

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- Your technical lead grade is less important than the need to be an experienced and competent winter climber with sound navigation skills and the ability to cope safely with all that Scotland can throw at you.
- You need to be skilled at winter navigation, especially in whiteout conditions.
- Some guests may have done little or no winter climbing, so it is essential that you feel confident climbing with such partners.
- You must be a member of at least one of the following: Mountaineering Scotland, The BMC, Alpine Club or the SMC.

YOUR ROLE

- You will be teamed up with an international guest climber. Your role is to climb together and show them what winter climbing in Scotland is all about.
- If possible, partnerships will be changed during the week so that you can climb with different people.

VENUE & DATES

- **Dates:** Saturday 1 March to Saturday 8 March 2025.
- **Venue:** Start and finish at Glenmore Lodge, nr Aviemore. Intervening five nights will be based at SMC Huts.
- **Arrival evening:** Saturday 1 March (no climbing on this day).
- **Host briefing (all hosts MUST attend):** Saturday 1 March at 8pm.
- **Climbing for six full days:** Sunday 2 to Friday 7 March.
- **Closing evening:** Glenmore Lodge, Fri 7 March.
- **Departure day:** Saturday 8 March (no climbing on this day).

COST

- The fee is **£200** per person. This includes all meals for the week (breakfast, lunch & evening meals), use of hut facilities and entry to Aviemore celebration event.
- Every climber will spend at least one night in the CIC Hut on Ben Nevis.
- The event is heavily subsidised by Mountaineering Scotland, BMC, Alpine Club and the SMC.

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TRAVEL

- Hosts are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from Aviemore.
- Mountaineering Scotland does not cover costs for getting to and from Aviemore.
- Due to the format of the event the majority of hosts will be required to drive guests between the different huts and climbing venues. Mileage will be paid at 32p per mile (up to max 500 miles). Total mileage driven during the event will be carbon offset.

HOW TO APPLY

- Please complete the online [Host Application Form](#) by 5pm Friday 22 November 2024.
- Mountaineering Scotland will contact all applicants by email in **December 2024** to let them know the outcome of their application.
- If you have any questions please email info@mountaineering.scot

FURTHER INFORMATION

Read about the previous winter meets here:

- [International Winter Climbing Meet 2020](#)
- [International Winter Climbing Meet 2016](#)
- [International Winter Climbing Meet 2014](#)
- [International Winter Climbing Meet 2012](#)

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