



International Scottish Winter Climbing Meet

1-8 March 2025 @ Aviemore, Scotland

GUEST INFORMATION SHEET

OVERVIEW

The Scottish Winter Climbing Meet has been a highlight on the 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 happening since 1997 and the last full meet was hosted by Mountaineering Scotland in 2020.

Overseas guests 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 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 partnership with the British Mountaineering Council (BMC), the Alpine Club and the Scottish Mountaineering Club (SMC).

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 move around between climbing huts, and all participants will spend at least one night in the CIC Hut on Ben Nevis. The final night will be spent back at Glenmore Lodge on Friday 7 March, with climbers departing on Saturday 8 March.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- We will team you up with a UK based host climber each day and they will take you out winter climbing.
- Scottish winter climbing conditions are famously very difficult to predict, so climbing with an experienced local climber maximises the chance of finding good routes to climb.
- There will be several evening presentations throughout the week in the huts where you will be staying.
- On Friday 7 March we will have a closing event at Glenmore Lodge that will allow you to share your experience with everyone on the meet and relax after a busy week of climbing.

EXPERIENCE

- Climbers must be 18 years old or over.
- Climbers must have experience of climbing routes in winter conditions using ice axes and crampons.
- Climbers must be skilled at leading winter routes, placing protection and building belays.
- Climbers should be physically fit. A typical Scottish winter climbing day is 8 to 12 hours long and involves a 2 to 3 hour uphill approach on foot.
- Climbers should be able to speak and understand English to a basic level.
- Please note that the host climbers will **not** be acting as mountain guides or climbing instructors. Hosts and guests will be matched according to ability and experience and will climb together as an equal partnership.

VENUE & DATES

- **Venue:** Start and finish at Glenmore Lodge, The National Outdoor Training Centre at Glenmore near Aviemore. The intervening five nights will be based in climbing huts located across the Scottish Highlands.
- **Dates:** Saturday 1 March to Saturday 8 March 2025.
- **Arrival evening:** Saturday 1 March 2025 (no climbing on this day).
- **Climbing:** Six full days - Sunday to Friday.
- **Closing evening:** Glenmore Lodge, Friday 7 March 2025.
- **Departure:** Saturday 8 March 2025 (no climbing on this day).

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TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

- Guests are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore PH22 1QZ. Aviemore has good transport links to the main airports in Scotland – Glasgow, Edinburgh and Inverness.
- Details of public transport options will be sent to you early in December when places are confirmed.
- Glenmore Lodge accommodation is twin en suite bedrooms with breakfast and dinner provided. The climbing huts offer 'alpine hut' style accommodation with shared rooms and bathroom facilities.
- Guests are encouraged to carbon offset their air travel to the UK.

COST

- The event is heavily subsidised by Mountaineering Scotland, BMC, Alpine Club and the SMC.
- The fee for international climbers is **£400 per person** and includes:
 - Seven nights accommodation
 - At least one night in the famous CIC Hut on the North Face of Ben Nevis
 - Three catered meals per day
 - Nightly presentations and discussion
 - Six days climbing with experienced host climbers

INSURANCE

- Guests are required to be insured for medical treatment and repatriation. There is no charge for Mountain Rescue in Scotland.
- Guests will be required to show evidence of their insurance before travelling to the event.

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HOW TO APPLY

- Federations (one per country) are invited to nominate a maximum of two climbers, preferably one female and one male, who must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- If the Meet is over-subscribed then places will be reduced to one per federation.
- Please complete the online [Guest Application Form](#) by **Friday 22 Nov 2024 5pm (GMT)**
- Mountaineering Scotland will contact all applying Federations by email in **December 2024** to confirm places.
- **Please do not make any bookings (flights, trains etc.) until you have had confirmation from Mountaineering Scotland.**

FURTHER INFORMATION

Read about previous winter meets:

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

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