

BIG DEPOT
CLIMBING

CLIMBING FAIR

11TH & 12TH JULY 2026 | 9AM - 6PM

A weekend of community-focused skills building to help develop the skills you need to improve your indoor climbing, and take it to the great outdoors.

You'll come away from the day having enhanced your skills and knowledge, and hopefully with an enhanced community to climb with too.

From industry experts and our experienced staff, you are guaranteed to be in the best hands, with groups no more than 1:8 ratio of participant to instructor.

There will also be opportunities to meet local climbing clubs and groups in the local area, helping you to expand your climbing community, and share knowledge in a peer-to-peer environment.

WORKSHOPS FROM JUST £5

Most workshops on offer are priced accessibly, to provide all climbers the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skillset without financial constraints.

PROCEEDS DONATED TO



The proceeds from all of the workshops is donated to the Yorkshire Bolt Fund and the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue to support the vital work they do in equipping the crags we climb at, and keeping us safe when we need help.

CLIMBING & COMMUNITY GROUPS



Access Sport



With a range of climbing organisations, clubs and community groups, you'll have the opportunity to meet a diverse range of climbers who are keen to grow participation in the sport and make climbing as accessible as possible to a wide range of participants.

Why not join one of the social group climbing sessions on the Sunday?

Leeds Queer Climbing Social	11am
Leeds Paraclimbing Club Social	12pm
Leeds Trans Climbers Social	2pm
Andy's Man Club Social	3pm
Wanderers of Colour Social	4pm

WORKSHOP DETAILS

How to Avoid Mountain Rescue

This one-hour workshop will focus on helping you prepare for your outdoor adventures. It will showcase the different equipment you should take for walking or climbing on summer and winter days, before discussing expectations for what happens if you need mountain rescue.

Strength & Fingerboard Training for Climbing

This one hour workshop will focus on making the most of your gym sessions, demonstrating specific lifts and exercises to complement your climbing goals. It will also provide an introduction to fingerboarding and allow you to explore the use of them for your level of climbing.

Backpack Essentials for Crag Days

We've all experienced the perils of trying to pack everything we need for the crag into our backpacks, which never seem to have enough space. This workshop will help you cut the chaff, and ensure you have all the essentials for a successful and safe day out at the crag, no matter what the conditions throw at you.

Self Rescue for Trad Climbers

We all love epic days out at the crag, but you don't want it to turn into an epic you can't get out of! Join McKinlay Mountaineering for this workshop focused on giving you the skills and knowledge needed to self-rescue in a variety of trad climbing situations. You do not need to have any trad climbing experience but you must be able to belay prior to attending this workshop.

Push Your Grade

Aiming higher or finding yourself at a plateau in your climbing? Unlock the techniques and mindset to help break through the barrier and push your grade to the next level. Our expert instructors can help you to identify the small changes to guide you, with a focus on evolution, not revolution.

Sunday's 10-12 & 1-3 sessions will be with Depot Climbing athlete and 9a climber Pete Dawson.

Adventure Photography

This 4-hour workshop will introduce you to the essential equipment needed for adventure photography and explore the different camera lenses best suited for capturing a variety of outdoor shots, including rope work* and climbing environments. You'll learn how to photograph effectively while on the move, with practical guidance on composition, camera settings, and visual storytelling in outdoor conditions. The workshop also includes a hands-on editing session, where you'll refine your images and learn techniques to achieve the best possible final result. *no rigging or rope set up taught.

*you will not be taught rope rigging techniques in this workshop

Find Your Perfect Shoe

Looking for your perfect climbing shoe fit? Come along to our specially designed workshop that will teach you all about the sizing, fit, and shape in La Sportiva, Scarpa, Tenaya, Unparralel and Boareal shoes. Ask questions about their design, materials and differences between specific shoes to help you find your perfect shoe

Conditioning & Flexibility for Climbing

This workshop will focus on helping you to understand the endurance demands of climbing, followed by a flexibility session to help you bridge your way between those tricky climbing moves.

Psychological Skills for Climbers

This session will focus on using psychological skills to build confidence and manage fear on the wall through practical exercises and climbing specific strategies you will learn how to develop a stronger mindset to enable you to climb harder and have more controlled decision making under pressure.

Learn to Auto - Family Session

Want to get the whole family trying something new and experience climbing together? Auto belay climbing is the ultimate way to get the whole clan problem-solving and having fun together. Adults will learn some basic skills to set the family up to climb, and the kids will discover the joys of challenging gravity.

Learn to Auto with Leeds Queer Climbing // Leeds Trans Climbers // Wanderers of Colour // Any's Man lub

Auto belay climbing is the first step to becoming an accomplished rope climber. Join one of the community groups for community-focused session to teach you how to take your first steps, or new heights in your climbing journey, giving you the skills to enjoy the auto belay system unsupervised.

Junior Hoist Session with Access Sport

Climbing is truly for everyone, and with a hoist setup, people with severe disabilities can access the wall and enjoy the sensory experience of climbing. Access Sport is a national sports inclusion charity that helps young people enjoy the benefits of community sport.

Better Belaying with Petzl

This is a 2 hour workshop aimed to improve your lead belaying skills using Petzl GriGri's, Neox's, and a special look at the new GriGri+. This is a practical session where you will get to test out your skills in climbing and falling scenarios.

Cleaning a Single Pitch Sport Route with Petzl

This two-hour workshop is designed to teach you how to clean a sport climbing anchor and safely strip draws in challenging terrain. You'll also learn how to assess in-situ bolts and anchors for wear and damage, helping you make informed decisions and stay safe at the crag.

Multi-Pitch Sport Climbing Skills with Petzl

This two-hour workshop is designed to demonstrate safe and efficient multi-pitch sport climbing ascent and descent techniques. You'll cover key skills including rope management, smooth partner changeovers, safe belaying at anchors, and efficient abseiling procedures

NICAS Climbing Taster

The National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme is a nationally recognised, progressive climbing course focused on skills building in a structured environment, with 5 progressive levels from complete beginner to experienced competitor. Participants will learn climbing techniques, terminology, equipment and safety procedures, all captured in a personal record of achievement.

NICAS Climbing Ascend Taster

The National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme is a nationally recognised, progressive climbing award scheme for young climbers. Ascend tailors this accredited climbing scheme to those with additional needs or disabilities so that everyone can enjoy the rewards climbing has to offer.

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For most climbers, physical ability isn't what holds them back; it is often the fear of falling. This 2-hour workshop will break down the techniques for you to manage fear in climbing and find out that falling really isn't all that bad!

Learn to Lead Fall

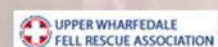
Falling is a technique to be honed, just like any other climbing technique you might employ. This session will teach you how to manage the rope, communicate with your partner and how to position yourself before and during a fall.

STALLS AND OTHER ITEMS

There will also be non-bookable sessions available over the weekend, from shoe fitting clinics to help you find your perfect fit, to the British Mountaineering Council, Mountain Rescue Landrover Stall, the York Mountaineering Club and a bumper raffle.

Saturday & Sunday

12pm Rescue Demo performed by the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue



This exciting display of the careful and important work done by Mountain Rescue teams across the country will be on show at 12pm on Saturday & Sunday. Get a first hand view of how these dedicated teams of volunteers safely aid and assist those in distress in the mountains and wild spaces we enjoy.

Saturday

9am-4pm British Mountaineering Council Access Stall



Meet the local BMC Access team and learn about the important work they do to keep access to our crags clear and accessible, by liaising with landowners.

Saturday

10am-2pm York Mountaineering Club Stall

Meet the York Mountaineering Club and discover a new avenue for club adventures



Saturday

9am-4pm Yorkshire Bolt Fund Stall

Meet the Yorkshire Bolt Fund team, the team that keep our crags in condition, and provide new routes and retro bolting for safety, and the work that goes into writing local area guidebooks.



Saturday

12-1pm Shoe Fitting Service

Sizing your climbing shoes can be tricky. Let us help by providing you a tailored shoe fitting service, taking you through all the need-to-knows of climbing shoes to make sure you have your cinderella moment and find the shoe for you.

Saturday & Sunday

9am-5pm Mountain Rescue Landrover Stall

Meet the Mountain Rescue volunteer team and learn about their important work and how you can support it.



Sunday

9am-4pm Leeds Paraclimbing Club Stall

Meet the team behind Leeds Paraclimbing Club.



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9am-4pm Leeds Queer Climbing Stall

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Sunday

10am-3pm Andy's Man Club Stall

Meet some of the local Andy's Man Club team, a peer-to-peer mental health support group.



BUMPER PRIZE RAFFLE RUNS ALL WEEKEND

With all proceeds going to the Yorkshire Bolt Fund to support their work.

Put a Lid On It

10% OFF Helmets

Offer available on select lines in the Depot Climbing Shop at BIG Depot Leeds. In-store offer only.

British Mountaineering Council Membership

up to 24% off

Available to Depot Climbers.