

Basic Outdoor Skills & Activity Skills

As of the 1st of February, Scouts Australia has introduced the Basic Outdoor Skills (BOS). The Basic Outdoor Skills replaced the Bushwalking Level 1.

There are 3 pathways to completing the Basic Outdoor Skills:

1. Complete e-Learning modules, then attend a Basic Outdoor Skills Residential Weekend and complete Basic Outdoor Skills Assessment of Proficiency.
2. Complete e-Learning modules then request and complete the Basic Outdoor Skills Recognition of Proficiency (ROP) workbook.
3. An existing leader/advisor/rover who has previously completed basic training, and who has sectional currency, may be requested to complete the e-Learning modules as a currency update, and may be deemed to have completed 'equivalent' training.

If you have current experience in Bushwalking and you would like to complete a Basic Outdoor Skills Recognition of Proficiency workbook, please contact State Office on (02) 9735 9000 or at training@nsw.scouts.com.au.

To complete the Basic Outdoor Skills it consists of the following modules:

- **Compulsory: Leaders (Scout, Venturer, Rover Advisors) and Rovers completing the Wood Badge training program.**
 - **Optional: Leaders (Joey Scout, Cub Scout), Youth (Venturer Scouts, Rovers)**
1. Demonstrate Navigation Skills in a Controlled Environment (Theory)
 2. Operate Communication Systems and Equipment (Theory)
 3. Use and Maintain a Temporary or Overnight Site (Theory)
 4. Equipment for Lightweight Activities (Theory)
 5. Demonstrate Bushwalking Skills in a Controlled Environment (Theory)
 6. Plan and Guide Outdoor Activities
 7. Minimal Environmental Impact Practices
 8. Interpreting Weather
 9. Group Facilitation
 10. Responding to Emergencies
 11. Elementary Navigation – completed as part of Basic Core
 12. Basic ScoutSafe – completed as part of Basic Core
 13. WHS for Scouting – completed as part of Basic Core

The completion of the workbook referenced in e-Learning is also required.

Youth (Venturer Scouts, Rovers) or Adult members who choose to undertake any Level 1 Adventurous Activity workshops e.g Abseiling, Canoeing etc, need to complete the Level 1 Common Core units and consists of the following modules:

1. Demonstrate Navigation Skills in a Controlled Environment (Theory)
2. Operate Communication Systems and Equipment (Theory)
3. Use and Maintain a Temporary or Overnight Site (Theory)
4. Elementary Navigation

You can find these workbooks in the Adventurous Activities section on e-learning. The completion of the workbooks referenced in e-Learning is also required.

Basic Outdoor Skills For Leaders & Rovers

As part of Basic Training for new Leaders (Scout, Venturer and Rover) it is a requirement to complete the Basic Outdoor Skills.

Before you can be accepted onto the Basic Outdoor Skills Residential Weekend, you must complete the e-Learning component and download the Basic Outdoor Skills Assessment of Proficiency workbook, as you will need this on the course.

Basic Outdoor Skills

7 h 30 min | 0% complete | 10 modules

The **Basic Outdoor Skills Course** is a collection of modules for your Youth Section that cover the following areas:

- Navigation
- Lightweight Camping
- Communications Systems
- Bushwalking
- Planning and Guiding Activities
- Minimal Environmental Impact
- Weather
- Group Facilitation
- Responding to Emergencies
- WHS
- Risk Management

After completing these modules, the **Basic Outdoor Skills Assessment of Proficiency** and the face-to-face practical **basic outdoor skills** course, you will have developed some of the skills you need to be an effective Leader in your Youth Section.

As with all e-Learning modules, you can pause at any time and come back later to continue.

<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate Navigation Skills in a Controlled Environment (Theory) LAUNCH INFO AA NAVIGATE 1 h 10 min 0% complete	<input type="checkbox"/> Operate Communication Systems and Equipment (Theory) LAUNCH INFO AA COMM 45 min 0% complete	<input type="checkbox"/> Use and Maintain a Temporary or Overnight Site (Theory) LAUNCH INFO AA SITE 45 min 0% complete
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment for Lightweight Activities (Theory) LAUNCH INFO AA EQUIP 1 h 20 min 0% complete	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate bushwalking skills in a controlled environment (Theory) LAUNCH INFO AA BUSHPLAN 40 min 0% complete	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan and Guide Outdoor Activities LAUNCH INFO AA GUIDE 45 min 0% complete
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Basic Outdoor Skills For Venturers Scouts

Venturers who wish to complete any Scouting Skills activities, must complete the Basic Outdoor Skills on e-Learning, Basic Outdoor Skills Assessment of Proficiency workbook and provide a current log book.

Venturers must complete their Basic Outdoor Skills e-Learning under the Training for Youth Members.

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🕒 10 h 40 min | 📊 0% complete | 📁 13 modules

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Members that have already completed past Bushwalking Training

If you have an existing Bushwalking level 1 on your Training record, you will not need to complete the Basic Outdoor Skills.

If you wish to complete a Guide Level Activity and you have not completed the Common Core A & B1 course, you will need to complete the Basic Outdoor Skills e-Learning and Basic Outdoor Skills Assessment of Proficiency workbook or the ROP workbook.

It is desirable for you to complete the Basic Outdoor Skills e-Learning to improve your knowledge and currency.

An existing leader/advisor/rover who has previously completed basic training, and who has sectional currency, may be requested to complete the e-Learning modules as a currency update, and may be deemed to have completed 'equivalent' training.

If you have completed your learning and wish to have your skills recognised as a Vocational Education and Training unit (VET) competency you will need to then complete the Common Core A + B1 workbooks and Level 1 Bushwalking workbook and submit them for assessment to State office.