

## **Background**

Originally known as Wealden Outdoor Pursuits, the business was started in 1988 by Keith Fleming to provide outdoor education trips for schools. Over the years, and as Keith gained higher qualifications, the business has both grown changed name and main areas of operation until, in October 2002, the company was incorporated as Mountain Activities Ltd, with Keith as Director.

## **Range of Activities**

We offer a wide range of specialist and personalised courses in outdoor pursuits. These are available for individuals, educational establishments and other outdoor companies. Due to Keith's background, these are mainly centred on Mountaineering and climbing.

The following is a brief summary, with the most common 1st:

- Provider of site-specific awards for roped activities (climbing walls, abseiling, high ropes etc) for other activity providers and companies, such as: The Kingswood Group, Junior Choice Adventure, Active Learning Group, Xplore, Treetop Extreme and Brancjning Out Adventures High Ropes Courses, public climbing walls such the High Sports Group, Jubilee 2, Cobnor Activity Centre, several Guide and Scout facilities and many other smaller facilities.
- Provider of training and assessment for centres in France, including Chateau Beaumont and Chateau Beaumont
- Provider of all Mountain Training England courses (provider no. 139): Mountain Leader Award, Hill & Moorland Award, Single Pitch Award, Climbing Wall Award, Climbing Wall Leader Award and Lowland Leader Award.
- Formerly a provider of the Basic Expedition Leader Award (centre 7929),
- Provision of Southern Sandstone Leaders Award training and assessment in the South East for 30 years
- Technical advisor for a large number of clients for mountaineering, climbing, high ropes, AALA etc. Clients include: West Sussex, East Sussex, Croydon, Buckinghamshire LEA, and many others.
- Part of the Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority Outdoor Advisory Panel
- Provision of expedition training for groups who undertake unaccompanied, remotely supervised ventures, such as scouting award, Duke of Edinburgh Award programmes etc.
- Assessment of Duke of Edinburgh's Award groups in the U.K. and in the Himalaya.
- Mountaineering, rock climbing, ice and snow climbing and snowshoeing courses
- Multi-activity trips for schools, including adventure trips in Sussex and to Snowdonia and the Alps. Activities include: rock climbing, mountain walking, mountain biking, canoeing, rafting, gorge walking, orienteering, sea level traversing etc.
- Anything else that related to my experience, including film and T.V. work, personal coaching etc.

## **Experience**

Personal climbing and mountaineering experience:

Extensive rock and winter climbing in the U.K. for over 30 years

Alpine summer and winter experience over 25 years

Worldwide experience in Australia, far East, USA, Patagonia

Experience of leading and working with schools and youth groups since 1981

20+ years of providing technical advice, training & assessments of instructor awards, including high ropes & site-specific climbing wall awards

Organised and led trips for school, youths, adults etc. throughout the U.K. and Europe for 20+ years, including multi-activity trips to the French Alps for over 10 years. Activities included: climbing, mountaineering, white water kayaking, canyoning, via ferrata, mountain biking, walking etc.

Constructed several ropes course elements in the past and operated a ropes course for several years

Member of the Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee for 6 years

Member of the Adventuremark Managing Forum Since for 4 years

Written technical articles for BMC publications

Article publish in Sunday Times Magazine on navigation

## **Qualifications**

Keith holds the following qualifications and professional memberships:

- BA (Hons) Environmental Studies and Outdoor Education (1987, Bangor)
- Mountain Instructors Certificate (now called Winter Mountaineering and Climbing Instructor)
- International Mountain Leader Award
- British Canoe Union Level 3 Kayak Coach (inland), 3\* open, 4\* Sea, formerly a FRST provider and A2 Examiner
- Mountain First Aid award and full 1<sup>st</sup> aid at work certificate
- Completed professional course in PPE maintenance and inspection
- Completed course in Working at Height Safety
- English Schools Cycle Association Mountain Bike Leader Award
- BMC trained and approved Expert Witness
- AALA licence holder for trekking and climbing
- D of E Bronze, Silver and Gold accredited assessor
- Member of: Association of Mountaineering Instructors, British Association of International Mountain Leaders, Mountain Training Association
- British Mountaineering Council member
- Institute for Outdoor Learning member
- Full category D driving licence (coaches and buses)
- DBS: A copy of my most recent one is available on request – nothing noted on it

## **Expert Experience**

Provided expert evidence to HM Coroner and post-accident reports for Local Authority Public Protection Dept, Acted as expert for defence and clamant in civil cases, in England, Scotland and the Channel Islands.

Provided expert evidence for prosecution and defence in criminal cases.

Given evidence in criminal court and also acted as foreman of the jury when on Jury Service.



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Experience of cases in Europe and further afield

**Insurance**

Mountain Activities Limited is insured for £5 million public liability, £2 million professional liability and £10 million employer's liability.  
Company: Activities Industry Mutual. Policy no: 27538G10



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