

# **BMC INTERNATIONAL SUMMER MEET 2026**

## **EVENT INFORMATION PACK**

Dates: Saturday 13 June – Saturday 20 June 2026

Location: North Wales, United Kingdom

### **1. About the International Summer Meet**

The BMC International Summer Meet is a long-established rock-climbing exchange that brings together climbers from partner federations across the world. The meet focuses on shared climbing experiences, cultural exchange, and the promotion of safe, responsible participation in the mountain environment.

The 2026 meet will take place in North Wales, offering access to world-class traditional and multipitch climbing in mountain and sea-cliff settings.

### **2. Event Objectives**

- To promote international mountaineering exchange and collaboration
- To share best practice in traditional and multipitch climbing
- To provide visiting climbers with experience of UK climbing ethics and styles
- To foster long-term relationships between federations

### **3. Location & Climbing Areas**

Climbing will take place across established areas in North Wales, including but not limited to:

- Llanberis Pass – roadside and multipitch crags
- Eryri (Snowdonia) – mountain crags and multipitch routes
- Gogarth – sea-cliff trad climbing

Final area choices will be dependent on weather, conditions, and participant experience.

### **4. Programme Overview (Indicative)**

Day 1 (Saturday): Arrivals, welcome briefing, introductions

Days 2–6: Climbing days, rest days, cultural and social activities

Day 7 (Friday): Final climbing day and closing social event

Day 8 (Saturday): Departures

Participants are also invited to attend the Rucksack Club Gogarth Meet, which runs through to the end of Sunday. Please note that this meet requires camping equipment.

A detailed daily programme will be shared closer to the event.

## **5. Accommodation**

Participants will be based at the Ynys Ettws hut for the duration of the meet.

Please note beds are in dormitory-style rooms.

Participants should expect to bring sleeping bags unless otherwise confirmed.

## **6. What the BMC Provides**

The BMC will provide:

- Event coordination and hosting
- Accommodation for the duration of the meet
- Selected group meals and social events
- Some local transport during the meet (e.g. organise collection and drop off from Bangor Station) and will also help facilitate lift-sharing between participants closer to the event.

## **7. Participant Responsibilities**

Participants are responsible for:

- International travel to and from the UK – BMC will provide transport to and from Bangor train station
- Holding valid travel insurance, including cover for rock climbing and mountaineering
- Bringing appropriate personal climbing equipment
- Covering personal expenses outside the organised programme (meet is mostly self-catered)

## **8. Participation Statement & Risks**

The BMC recognises that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

All participants must confirm that they have read and agree to this participation statement as part of registration.

## 9. Skills & Experience Expectations

The International Summer Meet is focused on traditional climbing. Participants may come from regions where sport climbing predominates, therefore not all participants are expected to lead trad routes throughout the meet. However, all participants must be able to operate safely as a climbing partner.

As a minimum, participants must be able to:

- Securely tie into a climbing rope and check a partner's tie-in
- Safely use a belay device suitable for use on double/half ropes, always holding the dead rope with the brake hand
- Use basic climbing calls (e.g. "Safe", "Off belay", "Take in", "On belay", "Climb when ready", "Climbing")
- Tie in to an anchor using the climbing rope with a secure knot (e.g. clove hitch)
- Remove and collect protection while seconding
- Carry out a self-protected abseil (typically using a friction hitch) on single and double ropes
- Ascend a rope if required
- Tie off a belay device so it is releasable under load

Participants who lead routes must additionally be able to:

- Place a range of traditional protection
- Build multi-point, equalised anchors

All visiting participants will be teamed up with experienced local hosts who are familiar with UK climbing styles and venues.

## 10. Equipment

### Minimum personal equipment (required)

- Harness
- Helmet
- Climbing shoes
- Locking carabiners
- Belay device suitable for use on double/half ropes
- Personal sling (120cm)
- Nut key
- Two friction hitch loops
- Whistle
- Trad rack and ropes (optional)

Local hosts will be experienced trad climbers and will provide full climbing racks for hosted climbing days.

Visiting participants are welcome to bring personal racks and/or ropes if they wish, but this is not required. Where participants bring ropes, 50m ropes are usually suitable for climbing in North Wales. Shorter ropes may reduce route options.

## **11. Conduct, Environment & Access**

Participants are expected to act responsibly and respectfully at all times, including towards fellow climbers, the local community, and the environment.

All participants are expected to follow the UIAA Declaration on Hiking, Climbing & Mountaineering (2024).

Of particular note:

- Leave no trace: Do not leave litter of any form. This includes human waste, which must be managed responsibly.
- Access restrictions: Nesting birds affect access to some routes in North Wales at certain times of year. These restrictions must be respected. Information is available via the [BMC Regional Access Database \(RAD\)](#)
- Courtesy at crags: Consider the safety and enjoyment of others. Avoid overlapping routes deliberately – if a crag is busy, please choose an alternative.

## **12. Medical & Welfare**

Participants will be asked to provide:

- Relevant medical information
- Dietary requirements
- Emergency contact details

This information will be held securely and used only for event safety and welfare purposes.

Participants requiring reasonable adjustments are encouraged to contact the BMC in advance.

## **11. Code of Conduct**

Participants are expected to:

- Always act responsibly and respectfully
- Follow local access agreements and climbing ethics
- Respect fellow participants, volunteers, and the environment
- Agree to follow the [BMC Code of Conduct](#)
- Agree to the [UIAA Declaration on Hiking, Climbing & Mountaineering](#)

The BMC promotes inclusive participation and does not tolerate discrimination, harassment, or unsafe behaviour.

## **12. Visas & Entry to the UK**

The BMC will provide official invitation letters to support visa applications. Participants are responsible for ensuring they meet UK entry requirements and allow sufficient time for visa processing.

## **13. Contact Information**

For all enquiries relating to the International Summer Meet, please contact:

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