

Romsey Climbers Meets guide notes

So you wish to organise a meet for RoCs club members and you have never done anything like this before. It really is very easy with some help from us.

- The first thing you need to know is there is not much you have to do.
 - If you've climbed somewhere RoCs have not previously been to and want to organise a meet there, you've probably got some knowledge about crags and places to stay.
 - If you have been on a RoCs meet to a venue and wish to be the organiser this time, you are already well prepared and may know what to do with some help from us.
 - There is always someone in RoCs to help you organise a meet.
1. If it is a new venue for RoCs you will need to be able to suggest somewhere to stay, either at a camp site or a hut / bunkhouse. We often camp during the warmer periods of the year. Winter meets tend to be in a bunk house accommodation although some warmer period meets use bunk houses or huts. It is up to you what type of accommodation you prefer to suggest or use. Some campsites have Pods or Bunk rooms for non- campers so there are often options for members to choose from.
 2. If you have local knowledge of the climbing area that is always a good thing, especially if RoCs have not climbed there before. Check to see if we have any guide books of the area you wish to visit. If not, we may decide to buy a new guide book.
 3. Just suggest a venue and date or dates to the Meets Officer. He will organise getting a meets page added to the website and the date added to the calendar. The Website Officer can help you update and edit the meets page once it is added to the website.
 4. All you need to do then is monitor the meets page to see who is interested in going and add their names to the list on the page. Nearer the date, you may be able to help co-ordinate lift sharing depending on who is going when, and for how many days.
 5. The accommodation will need to be booked and you need to secure the number of places with the bunkhouse or hut in good time for the number of members going and the correct number of nights each member is staying. For camp sites, just a call to the owners can secure places without a deposit, depending on location and time of year.
 6. If the venue has been used before by RoCs then usually we know of a campsite, hut or bunk house we have used before, so it is very simple to organise.
 7. The meet organizer should tell all members attending a meet of any specific rules which may apply to the campsite, bunkhouse or hut. However, it is up to the individual members to conduct themselves according to the accommodation rules. Nearly all campsites request quiet behaviour after 11 pm, so we need to ensure this guideline is followed by all members when we are away on meets. We do not wish to create a bad impression of RoCs on tour to campsite owners or to other campers. This may also apply at bunkhouses or huts we are sharing with other individuals.
 8. You need to make sure we have enough experienced leaders attending the meet and any club gear required (Abseil rope and gear if required, spare helmets and nut keys for new members and the relevant guide books for the areas you are intending to visit). The leaders should have enough ropes and lead gear between them for other members to attend who only have their basic personal equipment to climb with.
 9. For all outside meets, all RoCs members must wear a climbing helmet when climbing or belaying. We can loan a helmet and nut key to members new to outdoor climbing.