Basic Outdoor Skills & Activity Skills

As of the 1st of Febuary, 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:

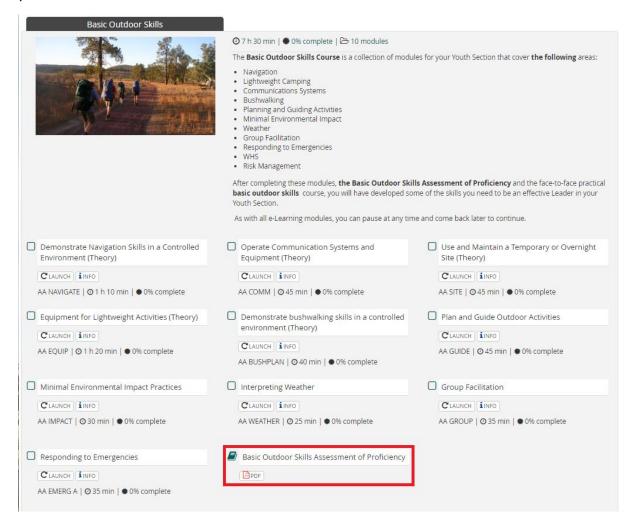
- 1. Demonstrate Navigation Skills in a Controlled Environment (Theory)
- 2. Operate Communication Systems and Equipment (Theory)
- 3. Use and Maintain a Temporary or Overnight Site (Theory)
- 4. Elementary Navigation

You can find these workbooks in the Adeventurous 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.

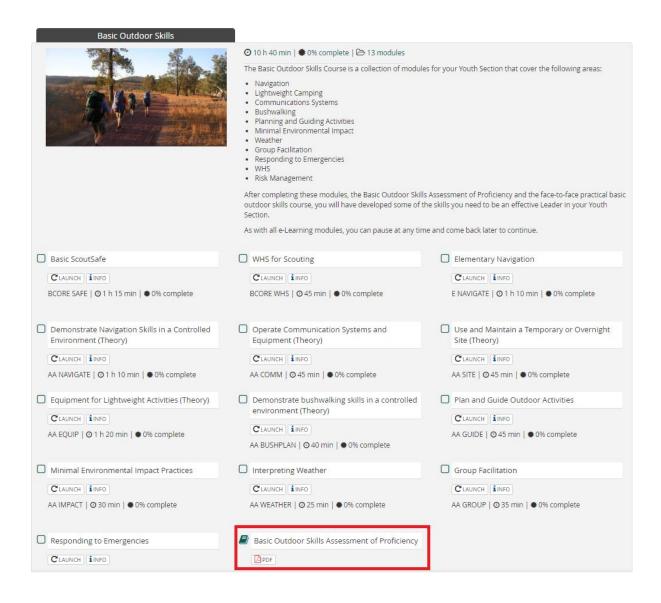


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For Venturers Scouts

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.



Members that have already completed past Bushwalking Training

If you have an exisiting 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.