



Membership is open to all who have relevant experience

- **Full member:** For those with a higher level of proficiency, self-reliance and commitment to alpine climbing. Typically, you have climbed at least 20 substantive peaks or routes at an average grade of PD or above in the Alps, or an equivalent in other ranges or wilderness areas, over at least three seasons. Hard alpine routes and serious climbs in the greater ranges will carry more weight than easy snow ascents. Ski mountaineering ascents are taken into account, as are contributions to mountain literature, science and art.
- **Aspirant member:** For those who have some alpine mountaineering experience, including roped glacier travel and mixed snow and rock climbing to European PD grade. Aspirants should have an enthusiasm for the mountains making it reasonably likely that they will qualify for Full Membership in due course.
- **Associateship:** For those who have not yet climbed in the Alps or Greater Ranges but are planning to do so, or whose interest is more towards alpine mountaineering history, art, equipment or high altitude physiology.

The Alpine Club started life in 1857 and was the first of its type to be established. Many of the world's finest mountaineers are members.

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The UK's leading club
for Alpine and Greater Ranges mountaineers





The Alpine Club exists to facilitate access to and exploration of the mountainous regions of the world; provide a forum for members to meet, climb and share information, both internally and with the wider mountaineering community; support mountain arts, science and literature; act as a thought leader in mountain ecology, access and sustainability; and provide a platform for international collaboration.

Why you should join the Alpine Club?

- **Do you have experience** of Scottish winter mountaineering and now want to explore higher peaks in the Alps?
- **Do you want to combine** adventurous travel with climbing distant alpine peaks in places such as Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Morocco, Canada and Antarctica?
- **Do you want to explore** remote mountain areas, put up new routes, or summit previously unclimbed peaks? You don't have to be an extreme climber, or super-rich. There are hundreds of unclimbed peaks below 6,000m with routes of modest grades.
- **Are you ready to test** your rock climbing skills on alpine routes of 10-15 pitches in length?
- **Are you interested in** alpine mountaineering history, mountaineering art, equipment or high-altitude physiology?

Membership benefits

- **Networking:** We have about 1500 members from more than 45 countries including many of the top mountaineers and mountain guides, who you can meet socially or contact through Alpinet.
- **Lectures and Meets:** Lectures in London, the Peak District, Lakes, Scotland and South West. Meets in the UK and abroad.
- **London Club House:** The London premises house the Lecture Theatre, Bar and Bunkroom. The Library, started in 1858 and housed in the Club's London premises, has an unrivalled collection of over 100,000 books, magazines, club journals, expedition reports and rare historic material. Many books can be borrowed by AC members.
The Club holds a wonderful collection of over 35,000 historic and modern photographs in the form of prints, negatives, glass plates, lantern slides, transparencies and albums.

The Photo Library has been set up to conserve and manage this collection.

The Bunkroom is free for AC members on mountaineering related visits.

- **Lake District Hut:** The George Starkey Hut in Patterdale, which is jointly owned with the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.
- **Annual Journal and monthly Newsletters**
- **Montane Alpine Club Grant to support expeditions**
- **BMC:** Affiliation for UK full and aspirant members with access to BMC services such as insurance.
- **Discounts:** At many UK retailers and members' rates at French, Swiss and Italian Alpine Club huts.