

Climbing experience: continued

Peak or route	Grade	Companions	Led (L) or Second(S)	Notes

3 Other Contributions to Mountaineering and Climbing

4 Authorisation

In applying for membership of the Alpine Club, I recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. I accept this risk and agree that I am responsible for my own actions and involvement in mountaineering.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

The Data Protection Act requires us to inform you that, if elected, relevant information will be held on the Club's computerised subscription/address list. Addresses and contact details are made available to other members.

5 Supporters' Endorsements

Proposer

I, (capitals)_____ agree to propose and fully support this application to the Alpine Club. I will submit a letter to the Membership Secretary setting out why I am supporting this application.

I *am/am not* a Full Member of the Alpine Club (please delete as appropriate).

If you are not a Full Member of the Alpine Club, please state the name of the Club of which you are a member and elected officer: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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I, (capitals)_____ agree to second and fully support this application to the Alpine Club. I am a Full Member of the Alpine Club.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return this form, subscription cheque and proposer's supporting letter to: Membership Secretary, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF. Contact the club office if you have any queries or require help with the application: 020 7613 0755 e-mail: admin@alpine-club.org.uk

Step 1: Complete the Applicant's part of the Form Sections 1 to 4

Section 1: Personal Details.

This is mostly self-explanatory. We ask for your occupation as we occasionally need to ask for volunteers with specific skills.

Section 2: Climbing Experience

This section is simply to find out something about the climbing you have done. For Aspirant Membership you will normally need to have been to the Alps once and completed at least three or four routes. After answering the first two questions, just list the routes or peaks you have done. Even if you attempted but were unable to complete a route, listing it helps tell us about your experience.

We will take into account Scottish or other UK winter routes and any routes in the Greater Ranges, Andes, Rockies, Himalayas, etc. Also tell us about your rock climbing experience if this helps to give a better picture. Rock climbing experience on low, accessible crags is not usually sufficiently Alpine in nature to gain admittance to the Club but major rock routes in high or remote areas certainly count. If you have been on any expeditions tell us something about them as well. Alpine Club members have climbed in all the major ranges in the world so we are very pleased to hear about your expedition experience. The Alpine Club is very much a network for exchanging this sort of information.

Section 3 Other Contributions to Mountaineering

We would also like to hear about any other contributions you have made to mountaineering and the mountain environment. This might include running a club or an expedition, research, writing articles or books, painting, or environmental work.

Section 4 Authorisation

Please sign and date the form having read the disclaimer. Alpine climbing has some objective dangers and we have to make it clear to members that they need to be responsible for their own actions.

Step 2: Complete Section 5 Supporters' endorsements

All membership applications need a Proposer and Secunder.

- Your Proposer must be *either* a Full Member of the Alpine Clubs *or* an elected officer of a club affiliated to the BMC or SMC.
- Your Secunder must be a Full Member of the Alpine Club.

They must know you personally; both must sign the form and the Proposer must write a letter of support to the membership secretary of the AC. An e-mail to the Club is acceptable.

If you do not know anyone who is eligible to support your application, *complete the remainder of the form and send it in*. We will arrange for a member to meet you. The Membership Secretary (currently Bill Thurston), will contact you to organise this and give you any other advice or help you need.

Do remember to ask your Proposer to write a letter to the club supporting the application. He or she should comment on your climbing experience, say how long and in what context he or she has known you and recommend you for membership. We cannot process the application until we have both the completed application and the Proposer's letter. You may also ask your Secunder and other AC members to send a letter or e-mail and endorse the form if you wish.

Step 3: Send the Form, Subscription cheque and Proposer's letter to the Club

Attach a cheque for your first year's membership. Subscription rates are shown on the *How to Join* web page. Once accepted we will ask you to pay by direct debit but the first year's subscription must be paid by cheque. Applicants accepted after the 1st October will be credited with the following year's subscription; i.e. one subscription will last for fifteen months.

All correspondence, the form, Proposer's supporting letter and first year subscription cheque, should be returned to the Membership Secretary, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF.