

NORTH WALES CAVING CLUB

Leadership for the Rhyd Alyn Mine

In applying to become a leader for the system, I agree to abide by the conditions of the access agreement as stated on page 2 following and can demonstrate:

- 1) experience of mine exploration and its associated hazards
- 2) knowledge of the mine system, typically gained from at least 3 trips into the system
- 3) underground insurance via the BCA scheme; BCA No. _____
- 4) knowledge of and compliance with the access permit and its attached conditions
- 5) willingness to lead guest groups into the system at least 3 times a year

Candidates for Rhyd Alyn leaders must provide an experience log demonstrating the fulfilment of points 1) and 2) above. This must include copies of completed Rhyd Alyn forms (see page 4) demonstrating at least 3 trips into the system with the last 18 months. A copy of their BCA card should also be supplied.

In addition, I accept that I am responsible for the behaviour of guests that accompany me to the system, specifically:

- 1) ensuring that all guests are aware of the conditions of access here attached
- 2) completion and signing of the form of acceptance of terms and conditions of access
- 3) ensuring that all guests are insured for underground activities; BCA scheme
- 4) ensuring that all guests are suitably experienced and equipped to visit the system (no novices)
- 5) ensuring that all guests are over 18 years old
- 6) completion of the underground log book, including proposed underground destination
- 7) ensuring that appropriate callout arrangements are made.

It is considered essential that a responsible person is given the destination of the underground party and that a 'call-out' time is agreed, such that in the event of the party being overdue, appropriate action may be taken.

Also the leader is to ensure that:

- 1) The Country Code and the NAMHO guidelines are followed at all times
- 2) Noise is kept to a minimum to prevent nuisance to nearby residents
- 3) Each party shall not exceed six persons and no fees shall be taken.
- 4) No rubbish to be left and no graffiti to be created.

☐ I agree to pay the North Wales Caving Club a non-refundable deposit of £10 for each key provided for the entrance lock. The key shall be used solely for visits led by myself (or other authorised leaders) and will not be copied or made available to third-parties. All keys remain the property of NWCC. ☐ (tick if key is required)

Please note that to avoid excessive cost and administration and maintain security, NWCC will limit the number of keys issued (so a key will not necessarily be issued to each leader who requests one).

I _____ of _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

accept the conditions set out above for access to the Rhyd Alyn Mine and associated workings and understand that if I fail to abide by the conditions, I will cease to be leader and must return my key. I attach a log of my relevant experience and Rhyd Alyn trips as detailed above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Checklist

- ☐ All sections of form completed and form signed and dated
- ☐ Experience log supplied detailing:
 - experience of mine exploration and its associated hazards
 - knowledge of Rhyd Alyn and details of at least 3 trips into the system
- ☐ Copy of BCA card
- ☐ Signatures of 2 Rhyd Alyn leaders

We, the undersigned as existing Rhyd Alyn leaders, propose the above person as a Rhyd Alyn leader and certify to the best of our knowledge that he or she can fulfil all the requirements above and that we have undertaken at least one trip into the system with the above person

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Signed: _____ Name: _____

This application will be considered by the committee of the North Wales Caving Club and the applicant will be informed of the result. If the application is declined, NWCC will provide written reasons for the refusal and the applicant will have the right of appeal to a subsequent NWCC committee at which they will be able to attend (for that item of business) and discuss their application.

Application considered at NWCC meeting on _____

Decision _____

Applicant informed by email on _____

Key issued YES / NO

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Terms and conditions of access to the Rhyd Alyn Mine and associated workings - to be read and accepted by all members of the visiting party.

A I the undersigned being over the age of eighteen years and not under any physical or mental disability hereby acknowledge:

1. that there may be many serious risks of entering the tunnels and mines collectively known as the Rhyd Alyn Mine and that such tunnels and mines can be inherently dangerous and unpredictable; and,
2. that if I enter such tunnels and mines, then I do so entirely at my own risk and that a) the owner and b) North Wales Caving Club and its members individually and severally (hereinafter described as the NWCC) shall be under no liability whatsoever to me, my dependants, or my personal representatives for any injury (including death) inconvenience, impairment, damage or loss which I may suffer in such tunnels or mines or whilst I am upon in, or under any neighbouring or adjoining land.
3. I understand that the integrity of all structures and aids found underground must be treated with the utmost suspicion and if used in any way for negotiating the underground workings the leader and individual members of the exploring party must satisfy themselves that they are fit for the use intended; also that the NWCC accept no responsibility for the maintenance of any such structures and aids and are not in a position to comment on their safety.

B As a condition precedent to the provision of a key to provide access to enter such tunnels and mines I warrant to the owners and the NWCC:

1. that I am suitably experienced in caving and mine exploration activities or if I am not so experienced that I will enter such caves tunnels and mines only in the company and under the supervision of someone who is so experienced;
2. that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in caving and mine exploration activities and I am not aware of any factor which might reasonably impair my capability in engaging in such explorations.

C In consideration of the provision of a key and ensuing mine explorations, I undertake with the NWCC as follows:-

1. that I will abide with the terms of the Licence between NWCC and the owner
2. that I am covered by adequate insurance cover (in a sum not less than £2m for any one accident) in respect of any liability which may arise in connection with the exploration and that I will on demand produce for the inspection of the NWCC sufficient written evidence of such cover;
3. that I will indemnify the owner and the NWCC against any damage I may cause within such caves tunnels and mines or in, under or upon any adjoining or neighbouring land;
4. that I will indemnify the owner and the NWCC against any liability to any third party arising out of the grant or exercise of the provision;
5. that I will not at any time use nor sanction nor permit the use of explosives in such tunnels and mines and that I will exercise the privileges granted by the above provision for personal recreational purposes only;
6. I shall not draw the attention of the public to such mines tunnels and caves and shall not publish any information in relation to the same or in relation to the rights hereby granted without the prior written approval of the Licensors;
7. that I will obey immediately any instruction given to me by the owner and the North Wales Caving Club in connection with the exercise of the provision;
8. that I will not induce, procure or permit any person to enter such caves tunnels and mines without first ensuring that he or she enters into a form of acknowledgement and indemnity in the form of this document;
9. that when the mine entrance is not in use the trapdoor must be closed and securely locked;
10. that I will not disturb any artefacts and remains relating to the history of the mine(s) or geological specimens and, on no account, will I remove such items from the mine;
11. that, in the interests of safety, I will inform the NWCC Secretary or Access & Conservation Officer of any planned or actual 'digging' activity (this information will be treated as confidential unless agreed otherwise or safety issues require otherwise)
12. that I understand this agreement applies only to Rhyd Alyn mine and does not give or imply access to other mines or caves (eg Sea Level (Milwr) Tunnel)
12. The North Wales Caving Club has been asked to deal with applications for access from other clubs. The NWCC is to be satisfied that the applicants are both trustworthy and competent, and reserves the right to refuse access to any person or organisation without reason.

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I have read, accept and will abide by the terms and conditions set out overleaf regarding access to the mines specified. This form is to be signed by a) all members of the visiting party and b) the leader and then completed forms sent to the Access & Conservation Officer of the North Wales Caving Club following each visit.

System: Rhyd Alyn Mine		Date:	
Visiting Club:		BCA affiliated: Yes /No :	
Name	Address (House name/number & postcode)	Signature	Individual BCA Membership Number

I certify that a) I have checked all members of the party's insurance and b) that all members of the party understand and will comply with the access agreement	Leader Signature:
Leader's Name:	Address:
Phone Number:	Email:

Other Comments:

Completed forms should be sent to the NWCC Access & Conservation Officer either by post to Hawthorn Cottage, Broomhill Lane, Great Barrow, Chester, CH3 7LB or by scanning and emailing to access@northwalescavingclub.org.uk.