

Preseli Venture – Safety

PRESELI VENTURE ACCREDITATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

Wales Tourist Board

Preseli Venture is inspected annually by the Wales Tourist Board (WTB) under their Accreditation Scheme for activity providers. This inspection covers all aspects of the management and day to day running of the centre; written safety procedures for each activity, risk assessments for every venue, regular recorded activity equipment checks and maintenance reports, instructor training and qualifications. The WTB sets down strict guidelines for the management and operation of activities backed up by personal inspection by an appointed expert.

The Wales Tourist Board also inspect and grade our Lodge accommodation annually. We have been WTB Accredited for our adventure activities, and awarded a 3 star Activity Centre grading for our accommodation for 2007.

Once all upgrades and refurbishments are finished in 2008 we expect to achieve 5 star status.

Welsh Canoeing Association

Preseli Venture is inspected bi-annually by the Welsh Canoeing Association (WCA) and covers all aspects of delivering kayaking professionally, safely and enjoyably on the sea. During the inspection our kayaking equipment and safety equipment is checked as well as our normal operating and safety procedures. In addition Preseli Venture is an Approved Course Provider, and is contracted on behalf of the WCA to provide kayak coaching courses for the training and assessment of kayak instructors.

British Surfing Association

Preseli Venture is a British Surfing Association (BSA) Approved Surfing School and therefore adheres to the recommendations set down by the BSA for the safe and effective running of surfing events. Written operating, safety and site-specific procedures, instructor qualifications and surfing equipment are all inspected.

Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA)

Preseli Venture are not required to hold an AALA certification, as this applies to unaccompanied children under 18 years. All of our clients are aged 18 year or older.

All the latest "best practise" recommendations from the AALA are passed on to us through the WTB scheme.

Preseli Venture has a specialist AALA Assessor to train and assess our Coasteering Lead Instructors, OPs and emergency procedures.

Insurance

We hold public liability insurance for all our business operations and we are happy to provide a copy of our certificate should you require one.

Public Service Vehicle (PSV) driving qualifications

All our minibus drivers (event coordinator and instructors) hold their PSV driving qualification. Preseli Venture holds a PSV Operators License.

Instructor Qualifications

These general certificates are held by all the instructing team;

First Aid certificate

-Current first-aid qualification, REC first-aid course or equivalent.

Life-saving qualification

- SLSA (surf life-saving association) or
- NARS beach lifeguard

Kayaking

Qualifications in accordance with the Welsh Canoeing Association/British Canoe Union:
Lead instructor; level 3 kayak coach, Canoe Safety Test
Assistant Instructor; Level 2 kayak Coach, Canoe Safety Test
Both are trained in general operating procedures and site-specific safety procedures.

Surfing

Qualifications in accordance with the British Surfing Association Lead instructor; Level 1 Coach
Assistant; level 1 coach (or training)
Both are trained in operating procedures and site-specific safety procedures.

Coasteering

Recommendations are followed in accordance with the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) document "Combined water/rock activities".
An AALA Assessor also runs regular training sessions for our Coasteering instructors at Preseli Venture.
We also adhere to the Wales Tourist Board inspection teams' advice and recommendations.

Mountain Biking

Recommendations and qualifications from the Association of British Cycling Coaches/BSCA as set out in their Mountainbike / Offroad Leaders Course;
Lead instructor; BSCA leaders course

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LODGE SAFETY

The adventure lodge has risk assessments and safety procedures in the following areas:

Fire Safety

The new part of the current lodge has a fully integrated fire alarm system to the L2 European standard. The original Lodge will be upgraded to this system during 2008 and at present is fully compliant with hard-wired smoke detectors, fire resistant doors, fire risk assessments and emergency procedures in place. We were inspected by the fire authority for compliance in current fire regulations in July 2007.

Lodge Health and Safety

The Lodge has cleaning regimes, and health and safety procedures for food handling and hygiene.

Hospitality Staff Training and Qualifications

- All Hospitality Staff hold the following qualifications;
- Basic or Intermediate Food hygiene (as relevant)
 - First Aid
 - Use of fire fighting equipment
 - Fire emergency procedure training

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can give you any more information by calling us on **01348 837709** or e mail info@preseliventure-corporate.com



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