



Mount Aspiring Ascent Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand mountains and participants need to be suitably prepared. Your guide will do a comprehensive check of your gear at the start of the trip to ensure it is in good working order and fit for purpose and there will be the opportunity to purchase or hire gear that is not deemed suitable.

If there is anything you don't have or have any questions, please get [in contact](#) with us.

Body

- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Base layer top and bottoms (merino or polypro, no cotton)
- ☐ Mid-layer top (fleece or windproof)
- ☐ Insulating jacket (synthetic fill preferred)
- ☐ Waterproof jacket and trousers
- ☐ Softshell climbing or trekking trousers

Head / Face / Hands

- ☐ Sunhat or cap
- ☐ Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- ☐ Category 4 (glacier-rated) sunglasses
- ☐ Lightweight gloves
- ☐ Warm climbing gloves

Accessories

- ☐ Backpack, around 50-litre capacity, with ice axe attachments and the ability to carry overnight gear*
- ☐ Water bottles (1.5 to 2 litres capacity, one wide-mouth preferred)
- ☐ Small container of sunblock & lip balm
- ☐ Head torch and spare batteries

Feet

- ☐ Mountaineering boots:
Full shank November/December (eg La Sportiva Nepal Evos®) or ¾ shank from January onwards (eg La Sportiva Karakorum or Trango®)*
- ☐ Snow gaiters*
- ☐ Hiking socks

Technical gear (can be provided)

- ☐ Ice axe (and hammer for Ramp or SW Ridge)
- ☐ Boot crampons
- ☐ Climbing helmet
- ☐ Lightweight mountaineering harness
- ☐ Long (120cm) and short (60cm) prusik loops
- ☐ 120cm length sling
- ☐ Belay device (eg Black Diamond ATC Guide®)
- ☐ 4-6 carabiners
- ☐ Ice screw

Overnight

- ☐ 2+ season sleeping bag and liner*
- ☐ Personal toiletries (blister kit & personal medication)
- ☐ Bivi bag and sleeping mat (trip dependent)*

Recommended

- ☐ Trekking poles*
- ☐ Approach shoes (for at hut and walk out)
- ☐ Goggles
- ☐ Rock climbing shoes (for weather days)

*Available to hire, \$20 per item per day



What to Expect

Colin Todd Hut is the base for the ascent. The hut is a 1-2 hour hike across the Bonar Glacier from the helicopter landing site at Bevan Col and all food and gear must be carried. It is a remote and basic hut equipped with mattresses, crockery and cookware. There is no phone reception but there is charging facilities for small electronic devices. Everyone needs to be prepared to walk 20km out of the Matukituki Valley carrying all their equipment.

Preparation

Our trips start and finish in Wānaka and you will need accommodation the night before and after the trip. Shared and private rooms are available for clients in our Kea Lodge (additional to trip costs) which is adjacent to the WMG Base. Alternatively, on the morning of the trip you can meet at the WMG Base at 8:30 where there is off-street car parking and luggage storage available or we can arrange for you to be picked up from accommodation in town.

Insurance

WMG fees do not include insurance for personal circumstances (including but not limited to travel, injury, medical, and equipment).

We strongly recommend you obtain:

- Travel insurance to cover you in the event of a trip cancellation by either you or us, for trip changes, or for medical emergencies to cover you for your personal health needs;
- Personal and third-party insurance is required to cover damage or loss of equipment and property.

We do not accept liability, responsibility, or any expenses for insurance-related costs incurred by participants in preparation for or participation in our trips and courses.

