

# Darrans Alpine Rock Climbing Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand mountains in summer and participants need to be suitably prepared with suitable clothing, eyewear and safety equipment. 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. The trip is usually based from NZAC Homer Hut in the Upper Hollyford Valley unless biving in the mountains. The hut is equipped with mattresses and cooking equipment.

## Body

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

## Head/Face

- Sunhat or cap
- Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- Sunglasses

## Hands

- Lightweight work or rigging gloves<sup>1</sup>

## Accessories

- Backpacks, 35 liter capacity for day trips and around 40+ litre for overnight trips\*
- Water bottles (1.5 to 2 liters capacity)
- Small container of sunblock & lippy
- Head torch

\* Available to hire

## Feet

- Approach shoes
- Rock climbing shoes

## Technical gear and safety (can be provided)

- Climbing helmet
- Harness
- 120cm length sling
- Belay device (eg Black Diamond ATC Guide®)
- 3 HMS or pear shaped carabiners

## Overnight

- Sleeping bag and liner (2 season)\*
- Power bank (there are no charging facilities at the hut)

## Trip dependent

- Stiff soled hiking boots (eg La Sportiva Trango®)\*
- Crampons and ice axe (can be provided)
- Bivi bag and sleeping mat\*
- Trekking poles (recommended)\*

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<sup>1</sup> Darrans rock is rough and protecting hands and fingertips whilst scrambling is important to maximise climbing