



## Seattle Hiking Committee – Steps to become a Hike Leader

1. Attend 2.5 hour hike leader seminar. Pre-requisites for the seminar are as follows:
  - Mountaineers member
  - New Mountaineers members who have not participated in any Mountaineers activities must participate in 3 club day hikes before attending the seminar.
  - Current members with a record of activities (e.g., scrambling, climbing) but no participation in day hikes may complete the 3 club day hikes after the Seminar, but before leading their mentored hike. These must be regular club day hikes led through a hiking committee by a hike leader. Conditioning hikes that are part of a course such as climbing or scrambling do not count towards this requirement.
  - *Please note that urban hikes cannot be used to meet the day hike requirements in the preceding 2 bullets.*
2. Read all resource materials on **course activity page**.
3. Complete the [Low Impact Recreation Skills eLearning](#) course
4. Complete [Hike leader application](#).
5. Identify a mentor and request temporary hike leader status by sending an email to: [SeattleHikeLeader@gmail.com](mailto:SeattleHikeLeader@gmail.com)
6. If you need assistance identifying a mentor, send an email to [SeattleHikeLeader@gmail.com](mailto:SeattleHikeLeader@gmail.com) with the mentored hike you'd like to lead and the pace at which you intend to lead it with several potential dates.
7. Post and lead a mentored club day hike **within 6 months of completing the hike leader seminar**. The hike must meet the following criteria:
  - Hike must not be associated with a course
  - Hike may not be an urban hike or a night hike
  - Hike must be a minimum of 4-5 miles and 1000' elevation gain
  - Hike leader candidate must post the hike as the primary leader and register the mentor as the co-leader; hike should be posted under the Seattle Hiking Committee
  - Hike should be open to a minimum of 10 participants (8 hikers + 2 leaders)
  - Hike must have a minimum 10-day sign-up window
  - Hike should enable demonstration of the skills presented during the seminar.
8. Close the activity after completion.
9. Receive positive recommendation from mentor to be granted permanent hike leader status.
10. Seattle hiking committee will inform you that you've met the requirements to become a hike leader and ask you to confirm that you'd like to be added to the active leader roster.
11. If you do not have a current Wilderness First-Aid (WFA) or Mountaineering Oriented First-Aid (MOFA) badge, you must earn the badge or be signed up for a course within 1 year of earning your hike leader badge.

### Mentor Requirements

Mentor selected must be a current hike leader who has been a leader for a minimum of one year and has led a minimum of 6 club hikes as primary leader.