## **Abseiling**



To gain the Abseiling badge you must complete, with your Patrol or other Scouts and the appropriate qualified persons, all of the requirements for A, B and C. Participants must have attained the age of 11 years. Abseil must be single pitch, no greater than 50 metres.

All abseiling activities to comply with State safety regulations.

## A. DEMONSTRATE

Prior to abseil, demonstrate precautions applicable to abseiling including:

- 1. approaching cliffs
- 2. safe distance to cliff edge
- 3. the need to restrain loose hair and clothing
- 4. knowledge of standard communication conventions used in abseiling.

## **B. SKILL**

Demonstrate thorough knowledge of:

- 1. tape knot, including tie offs
- 2. figure 8 on a bight
- 3. the correct fitting of a harness
- 4. clipping onto the abseil rope
- 5. checking the system and the importance of having a second person check the system
- 6. a mock abseil on flat ground
- 7. suitable protective clothing for all seasons
- 8. the importance of using appropriate equipment and ropes
- 9. the basic rules for the use and care of equipment.

## C. ACTIVITY

Undertake five abseils.