

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS

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for 2027!



Explore. Challenge. Lead.

If you love the outdoors, enjoy challenging yourself and want to build practical skills that prepare you for adventure, leadership and employment, then Outdoor Adventure Skills – West Coast is the programme for you.

This practical, hands-on programme gives students the opportunity to experience a wide range of outdoor recreation activities while developing confidence, resilience and teamwork. Based at Tai Poutini Polytechnic in Greymouth, students will learn through real outdoor experiences across the stunning West Coast environment.

Throughout the year, students may participate in day trips and occasional overnight expeditions, applying their skills in real-world settings. Modules are selected each year and may include whitewater kayaking, tramping, bushcraft and navigation, rock climbing and abseiling, sea kayaking, caving, rafting, cycle touring, bike maintenance, outdoor emergency response and rescue skills.

Students will develop practical outdoor recreation skills while learning risk management, leadership, communication, environmental awareness and how to safely operate in challenging outdoor environments.

What you will learn:

- Outdoor recreation and expedition skills.
- Bushcraft, navigation and weather interpretation.
- Risk management and outdoor safety.
- Whitewater and sea kayaking skills.
- Rock climbing and abseiling techniques.
- Tramping and camping skills.
- Cycle touring and bike maintenance.
- Outdoor emergency response and rescue skills.
- Communication, teamwork and leadership.
- Personal resilience, confidence and self-management.

Course details



Vocational Pathway:
Service Industries



Credits:
Level 2 and 3
Up to 25 credits



Duration:
This is a 1 year programme
Starts: February 2027
Finishes: November 2027



Timetable:
Greymouth 9am - 3pm
Fridays



Provider:
Tai Poutini Polytechnic

Employment options

- Outdoor recreation instructor
- Adventure tourism guide
- Conservation field worker
- Outdoor education assistant
- Department of Conservation field support
- Tourism and visitor experiences
- Search and Rescue volunteer pathways
- Outdoor equipment retail

Further study options

- New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor Education (Level 3 or 4)
- Outdoor Adventure Leadership programmes
- Outdoor Emergency Response
- Adventure Tourism qualifications
- Conservation and Environmental Management
- Uniformed Services
- Recreation and Sport qualifications