

Our Safety Commitment to Your School: What Our AALA Licence Means

We understand that pupil safety is your absolute top priority when planning an educational trip. To give you, your senior leadership team, and parents complete peace of mind, Black Rock Outdoors is fully licensed by the **Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA)** (Licence No: R0543).

What does this mean for your school trip?

- **Government-backed Assurance:** AALA is part of the UK Government's **Health and Safety Executive (HSE)**. Holding a licence is a legal requirement for companies running specific activities for under-18s.
- **Externally Audited:** We don't just ask you to take our word for it. Our safety management systems, equipment logs, and operational risk assessments are independently inspected and monitored by technical experts.
- **Qualified Experts:** Our licence confirms that all our sessions are led by instructors holding recognised National Governing Body qualifications, operating under strict, safe group ratios.
- **Less Paperwork for You:** Because our safety standards have been thoroughly pre-vetted by a statutory authority, it significantly streamlines your school's external trip approval and local authority risk-assessment processes.

You can verify our current licensing status at any time by searching the [HSE AALA Register](#).

You might notice that some of our activities such as, High Ropes Course, Archery are not technically listed on our AALA licence.

This is completely normal. The UK government's licensing regulations are legally restricted to four specific categories (Caving, Trekking, Open Rock Climbing, and Wild Watersports). It does not legally cover man-made environments.

How we guarantee safety for "Out of Scope" activities:

- **The Same Gold Standard:** We operate under a single, unified Safety Management System. The exact same rigorous risk assessments, equipment checks, and emergency protocols required by our AALA licence are strictly applied to our unlicensed activities.
- **Inspector Oversight:** During our official AALA inspections, inspectors have the freedom to review our entire operation, including out-of-scope activities, to ensure our overall safety culture is robust.
- **Industry Benchmarks & NGBs:** Where a government licence doesn't exist, we align with the relevant National Governing Bodies (NGBs). Our equipment complies with industry-specific codes of practice.

- **General Health & Safety Law:** All our activities are fully compliant with the *Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations*, ensuring we maintain a legally robust environment across our entire site.