

## **MEET DETAILS**

### **BMC International Sea Cliff Climbing Meet 2010**

**9 – 16 May**

**The Count House, Bosigran, Cornwall**

#### **OVERVIEW**

BMC International Meets are a truly unique experience. They're a great opportunity to meet a varied bunch of climbers from home and abroad, and make new friends. This year sees an all new location for the Meet: the Count House in Bosigran, Cornwall, a 200-year-old building perched above Cornwall's finest granite cliff – Bosigran. We stay here as guests of the Climbers' Club who own the hut. During the week international guests from a range of countries will be teamed up with British hosts.

#### **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

- During the day our British based hosts will take guests out and show them the full delights of the unique sea cliff climbing.
- Evening meals will be buffet style from 19.30 to 21.30. On some evenings there will be pub meals and presentations, some evenings will be left free.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

To get the most out of the Meet visiting climbers need to have experience of traditional lead climbing, that is placing your own gear/protection.

#### **VENUE & DATES**

- Venue – The Count House, Bosigran, Cornwall.
- Dates – Sunday 9 May to Sunday 16 May 2010.
- Arrival evening is Sunday 9 May (no climbing on this day).
- The last day of the Meet is Sunday 16 May. There will be a choice to either go home (a bus will drop you off at 9:30 at Penzance train station) or to go to Cheddar Gorge, see below.

#### **CHEDDAR GORGE EVENT**

- Immediately after the Meet, on Sunday 16 May, there will be a chance for guests and hosts to climb at another famous venue in the South West – Cheddar Gorge.
- Cheddar has some of the biggest and best limestone routes in the UK, both trad and sport.
- Normally there are restrictions on climbing here but this weekend is a climbing festival hosted by Cheddar Caves & Gorge and all the major cliffs are open.
- We can drive there from Cornwall in about 3 hours and will be climbing by early afternoon on the Sunday 16 May. Hosts will drive guests to Cheddar Gorge.
- Guests that go to the Cheddar Gorge event will be dropped off at Bristol Temple Meads train station at 10:30 on Monday 17 May.
- There will be evening food, drinks, a party, and accommodation hosted by Cheddar Caves & Gorge.
- The cost to go to the Cheddar Gorge event is an extra £20 per person.

#### **TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION**

- Guests are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to the UK.
- Guests need to arrive at the Count House on Sunday 9 May at 17:00.

- Nearest train station – Penzance.
- Guests can either make their own way to the Count House, or be collected by the BMC from Penzance train station at 16:30 on Sunday 9 May.
- Nearest airports – Newquay (42 miles from Penzance), Exeter (117 miles from Penzance) and Bristol (180 miles from Penzance).
- The BMC will drop those guests who are NOT going to the Cheddar event off on Sunday 16 May at Penzance train station at 09:30.
- Hosts will drop those guests that go to the Cheddar Gorge event at Bristol Temple Meads train station at 10:30 on Monday 17 May.
- The Count House offers 'Alpine hut' style accommodation with shared rooms and showers. Host climbers will be camping nearby.

### **COST**

- The event is highly subsidised by the BMC and there will be a nominal fee of £85/person to help offset the cost. The £85 fee includes all meals, accommodation and transfers from Penzance train station.
- The cost to go to the Cheddar event is an extra £20 per person.

### **ENTRY VISAS**

If the climbers from your country need to obtain Entry Visas to the UK please confirm their details as soon as possible as Visa processing takes a long time.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- Federations are invited to send a maximum of two climbers. If possible one female and one male. Please note only one Federation per country.
- Please complete and return **Form A** to the BMC by no later than **22 JANUARY 2010**.
- The BMC will contact all applying Federations by email by 5 February. **Please do not make any bookings (flights, trains etc) until you have had confirmation of your places on the Meet from the BMC.**
- If the Meet is over subscribed then places will be reduced to one per country. Please state on Form A which climber will get the one place should places be reduced by putting their name in the first box.
- PLEASE NOTE: emails do not always reach their destination. It is therefore your responsibility to contact the BMC if you have not received an email confirming your Federation's places on the Meet by 5 February.