

# Caving



To complete the Caving 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.

Caves must be considered horizontal or non-technical, and must not require the use of ladders or abseiling. Duration of underground stay must not exceed 4 hours consecutively. All caving activities are to comply to State safety regulations.

## **DEMONSTRATE**

Prior to caving, demonstrate precautions applicable to caving including:

1. approaching drops
2. the safe distance from drops
3. the need to restrain loose hair and clothing
4. knowledge of standard communication conventions used in caving.

## **SKILL**

Demonstrate knowledge of:

1. tape knot, including tie offs
2. figure 8 on a bight
3. the correct fitting of a harness
4. necessary personal equipment including:
  - a) lighting
  - b) protective clothing and hardware
5. the basic rules for the use and care of equipment.

## **ACTIVITY**

Undertake two cave expeditions totaling not less than 6 hours.