

# Outdoor Education New Starters Task

## Vocational Scenario or Context

Understanding and utilising appropriate equipment in outdoor activities is extremely important to being able to deliver safe and quality sessions. It also allows an individual to enhance their practical performance and expertise. As an aspiring outdoor instructor you need to familiarise yourself with a variety of vital and appropriate equipment needed to participate in outdoor activities whilst exploring reasons as to why these are important. To achieve this aim you have been tasked with examining a variety of equipment and facilities, exploring the development of innovative equipment and facilities in the outdoor sector.

## Task 1

You are firstly tasked with producing two articles, which explain the innovative developments in equipment and facilities used for outdoor activities. This article will be used to inform other inspiring outdoor instructors.

In your first article research and then explain the development of at least three pieces of innovative outdoor activity equipment. The following points must be considered:

- Detailed description of each item
- How recent is it, what has it replaced or is it a totally new idea
- Purpose
- Materials
- Technical use
- Safety aspects
- Cost implications

In the second article, you need to choose three innovative facilities of outdoor activities and explain their use.

The following points must be considered:

- Detailed description of facility
- Geography/location
- Size and scale
- Purpose
- Procedures for access and egress
- Health and safety

## **Task 2**

Following this you need to then compare the different pieces of equipment and facilities with regards to their similarities and differences. This must include reference to how the equipment and facilities have developed and the benefits to the outdoor sector.