About the club
The Australian National University Mountaineering Club (ANUMC) is Canberra’s largest and most active outdoor club. Trips are run by volunteers almost every weekend in a multitude of different activities and across all skill levels. Activities include:

- Mountaineering
- Rock climbing
- Ice climbing
- Bush walking
- Canyoning
- Kayaking
- Mountain biking
- Cross country skiing
- Alpine skiing/snowboarding
- Rogaining

ANUMC is also one of the largest clubs at the ANU, with over 300 members in 2011. The club offers great value gear hire for outdoor sports and activities, organised trips, the opportunity to learn a wide variety outdoor and adventure skills, a calendar of fun social events, and access to the ANU Sports Union climbing wall.

Membership cost and sign up
We have a student early bird special running until the Welcome BBQ on 22 February 2012, which offers full membership for $30 for students. From 23 February the 2012 fees will be:

- Students $40 (after Welcome BBQ)
- Non-students $60

All new members will be given the choice of a T-shirt or Camelbak water bottle to take home! Offer is only available while stocks last- so hurry to get your membership soon!

You will have the opportunity to sign up on Market Day, when the gear store is open (see below), and at the Welcome BBQ.

Welcome BBQ
We’ll be having a BBQ in the Copland Courtyard on campus Wednesday 22 February from 5:30pm to welcome new and old members to 2012! This is a chance to catch up with old friends, meet some new ones, and get a bargain while you’re at it!

This year we’ll be holding a big gear swap, so bring down all of your unwanted outdoor gear and trade it for something you need, or make some $$ to buy something you want!
This will also be your chance to introduce yourself to the committee and chat to the activity officers about the trips that they run during the year.

We’ll also be taking memberships — for students this will be your last chance to get the discounted student price!

The BBQ is listed on the trip calendar, so if you are able, please sign up for catering purposes.

**Lunch time BBQs and activities**

There will be a number of lunchtime events happening on and around campus this year, particularly during the warmer months. Expect lots of good company, food, drink and a chance to do some climbing/bouldering, riding, kayaking or anything else you can manage to squeeze into an hour or so. Activities should be listed on the trip calendar and/or promoted via the mailing lists.

**Gear store**

The gear store offers club members access to a range of quality outdoors equipment at incredibly good hire rates. Available equipment includes:

- Tents
- Sleeping bags and mats
- Backpacks
- Wet weather clothing
- Stoves and food dehydrators
- Mountaineering, climbing and abseiling equipment
- Cross-country ski, snow-shoeing and back-country alpine gear
- Kayaks and kayaking equipment
- Mountain bike racks, panniers and lights
- Maps and guidebooks

The gear store is located in the back (northern end) of the new sports hall in the ANU Sports Union, and is open from 6–6:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Returns are usually handled on Tuesdays while hires are made on Thursdays.

In addition to Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the gear store will now be open one lunchtime a week, on Mondays from 12–1pm. This extra opportunity to sort out your gear requirements has been put in place as much for socializing as anything else, so even if you don't have gear to return or hire, drop in, bring your lunch, and get to know your fellow club members!
**Indoor Climbing Walls**

The club has access to the two indoor climbing walls located in the ANU Sports Union, and they are an ideal way to develop fitness, build strength and learn many aspects of rock climbing technique including valuable tips from more experienced members. The walls also offer the convenience of being centrally located and the opportunity to climb indoors at night or when the weather is unsuitable for climbing outdoors.

Access on club nights and off-peak times is free and permitted for club members who have attended, passed and paid for a belay course (see below). The club also provides harnesses to use at the wall on club nights, and is also considering a similar arrangement to make climbing shoes available to members too.

The club has use of the wall for free on two evenings, one lunchtime and every morning during the week. These are newly increased hours for access by club members this year:

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On club nights Climbing Wall Officers will open and close the facility. For off-peak use at other times you will be responsible for providing your own personal climbing gear, securing and packing up the anchors for the ropes being used.

**Belay courses**

The club runs belay courses to teach beginners how to safely use the ropes, harnesses and other safety equipment so that climbers can fall or be lowered in a controlled and safe manner. For more experienced climbers, the belay course is necessary to teach the specific requirements in place at the ANU climbing walls. For everybody using the facility this goes a long way toward ensuring that consistent and safe techniques are applied and that other matters such as insurance requirements are met.

**How to sign up**

Belay courses are listed in the trip calendar on the ANUMC website, and you can sign up for the event if you are a club member by logging in and completing the sign-up form — non members should contact the person listed to book in.
What to bring
If you have your own climbing shoes, harness etc. then bring them along. You will be climbing, so wear appropriate clothing suitable for fitness training or physical activities. Snug fitting sports shoes with a thin sole are recommended too as they will make climbing easier.

Keeping in touch
Online
The club has a number of online resources to help members stay up to date and informed, including a website, blog, facebook and twitter accounts. Generally new posts are duplicated across these resources, so you can choose the style that suits you best (see the sidebar for details), however the website is the most comprehensive resource and the best way to find out about and sign up for trips. Note that some areas of the website require a login which you will receive with your membership.

Mailing lists
The club maintains around fifteen mailing lists which members may subscribe to in order to keep up to date with activities and club matters of interest and importance to them. Members are also able to post messages to most of these lists, so they are a practical way of getting important news out regarding specific topics without necessarily spamming the entire club membership.

Contribute to Epic (the blog)
Share the love by sending through your trip reports, epic photos, gear reviews or bush recipes, by email to anumc.epic@gmail.com. If you want to become a regular contributor to Epic, just let the committee know.

Website
http://anumc.anu.edu.au/
Blog
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Twitter
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Every year the ANUMC runs a series of trips to start off the new year. This is a great opportunity to try out a range of different activities, meet new people and generally kick back in the outdoors. These are the…

HUGE WEEKENDS

To come along on any of these activities simply join the club (or sweet-talk a member) and sign up via the trip calendar on the club’s website:

http://anumc.anu.edu.au/upcoming_trips