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# Eagle Ski Club Discourse: 'How To' Guide

[Discourse](#) is an open-source, free-to-use online forum platform that we have integrated into the Eagle Ski Club website.

It will take the place of the legacy Eagle Ski Club forums from August 2024.

We have migrated all active posts from the old forum to the ESC Discourse.

This document is a short, simple user guide to the Discourse Platform.

The screenshot displays the Eagle Ski Club Discourse forum interface. At the top, there is a header with the club's logo and name, a search icon, a menu icon, and a user profile icon. Below the header, a purple banner reads "Welcome to our community! These are the most popular recent topics." A dropdown menu labeled "Week" is visible. The main content area shows a list of topics with columns for "Topic", "Replies", "Views", and "Activity".

Topic	Replies	Views	Activity
<b>Welcome to Eagle Ski Club!</b> General We are so glad you joined us. Eagle Ski Club Eagle Ski Club Forums Here are some things you can do to get started: Introduce yourself by adding your picture and information about yourself and your in... read more	0	12	24 May
Generic item for sale post For Sale / Wanted	0	6	7d
Skiing in the North East USA General discussion	0	1	27d
Skis on the East Coast mainline and UK trains generally General discussion	4	4	19 Jun
Japan 2025 - Discussion General	3	22	17 Jun
Ice Axes and Eurostar General discussion	30	31	12 Jun



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# Discourse 'Need to Knows' (1/2)

- Your Eagle Ski Club username and password will work automatically for the ESC Discourse – there is no need to create a separate Discourse account!
- Discourse works best with the latest versions of the various web browsers – if you have any issues with the platform, make sure your browser is up to date and if it isn't, see if that fixes the problem.
- There are no 'moderators' on Discourse and the system is designed to filter out 'bots' and 'spam' posts automatically. That being said, please do use it in a civil, sensitive manner, as we all used the old ESC forum, and in line with the club's Code of Conduct (available [here](#)).



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# Discourse 'Need to Knows' (2/2)

- Please take the time to read the very simple ESC Discourse FAQ [here](#) - these set out expectations of users along with the basic rules intended to encourage participation and conversation, and discourage negative behaviours
- The intention is to maintain continuity with our old forums, hence we have migrated across the old topics – please do use the existing threads rather than creating new ones. The Discourse search functionality (see p6) is good, so you should hopefully be able to existing posts and replies easily.
- NB that For Sale and General categories are readable by everyone, while Club Tours/Meets and Member Organised Activities are accessible to members only.
- For those who want to use the forums on mobile devices, there are Discourse mobile apps for [iOS](#) and [Android](#)
- Discourse can integrate with various other platforms and we are all learning how to use it as we go – if you have suggestions, please send them to [Internet@eagleskiclub.org.uk](mailto:Internet@eagleskiclub.org.uk) and [comms@eagleskiclub.org.uk](mailto:comms@eagleskiclub.org.uk)



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# How to access the ESC Discourse

The screenshot shows the Eagle Ski Club website's login page. At the top left is the club's logo and the text '100 YEARS 1925-2025 Eagle Ski Club'. A search bar is located at the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with items like Home, Join, About, Safety & skills, Club Tours/Events, Centenary 2025, Climate Care, Resources, Member-to-Member, and Help. The main content area features a 'Log in' section with a 'Log in' button and a 'Reset your password' link. Below this are input fields for 'Username or email address\*' (containing 'TestMember') and 'Password\*'. There is a 'Remember me' checkbox and a 'Log in' button. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Active forum topics' with a list of topics and a 'More' link.

[If not logged in]

The screenshot shows the Discourse forum home page. At the top is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Join', and 'About'. Below this is a notification bar that says 'Outgoing email has been disabled for non-staff users.' There are filters for 'categories', 'tags', 'Latest', 'Top', and 'Categories'. The main content is a list of forum topics with columns for 'Topic', 'Replies', 'Views', and 'Activity'. The topics listed are:

Topic	Replies	Views	Activity
Welcome to Eagle Ski Club! (General)	0	12	24 May
Generic item for sale post (For Sale / Wanted)	0	6	7d
Skiing in the North East USA (General discussion)	0	1	27d
Skis on the East Coast mainline and UK trains generally (General discussion)	4	4	19 Jun
Japan 2025 - Discussion (General)	3	22	17 Jun
Ice Axes and Eurostar (General discussion)	30	31	12 Jun
Pair of old skis and old Tracker and Barrel (For sale)	0	0	12 Jun

[If logged in already]

1. Go to <https://discourse.eagleskiclub.org.uk/> and click 'Log In'
2. If you're already logged in to the ESC website, you'll be taken straight to the Discourse 'home' page (the list of forum topics – shown above right).
3. If you're not, enter your normal ESC username / email address, and password (above left), and click 'Log In' – this will then redirect you to the home page.



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# Navigating Discourse (1/2)

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Home Join About

## Ice Axes and Eurostar

General discussion

**D** dphelan Mar 2022

This seems a perennial subject but many will be aware of a seeming reversal of Eurostar policy in 2021 resulting in the prohibition of carriage of climbing and mountaineering equipment classified as “dangerous.”

In response the ESC has formally written to Eurostar and prompted a joint letter from Mountaineering Scotland, BMC and Mountaineering Ireland on the matter.

In response, Eurostar have replied today that:

*“... the luggage policy concerning the carrying of mountaineering equipment on Eurostar has not changed. A passenger is able to bring mountaineering equipment on board - we ask only that any passenger carrying this kind of equipment makes themselves known to a member of the Eurostar team in the station on arrival so that they can ensure the smooth passage through the security/baggage check.*

*Our website team have been briefed to remove the reference to ice axe, climbing and mountaineering equipment from the dangerous sports equipment section”.*

These website changes may take a week, but in the interim I wanted to post this clarification as members may be travelling by Eurostar in the coming days.

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Clicking the Eagle Ski Club logo and title will return you to the home page from any forum

The Home / Join / About links refer back to the main pages on the Club’s website, i.e. away from Discourse

Topic tags (each with their own colour) appear on each forum post under the title – clicking these will take you to a page listing all posts on this topic.

The scroll bar on the right can be used to navigate long threads – the original posts appear at the top, and the newest posts at the bottom.



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# Navigating Discourse (2/2)

**Ice Axes and Eurostar**  
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created Mar 2022 last reply 12 Jun 30 replies 32 views 16 users

Steve\_Lenartowicz Mar 2022  
Declan, thank you for your work on this. Great result! Let's hope it's the last time that the issue has to be addressed!

JohnBarnard Mar 2022  
Brilliant result on this perennial issue - congratulations to all involved. It will make it much easier to promote carbon-friendly train travel to the Alps, thus supporting the club's climate care policies. As of today (12 Mar 2022) the Eurostar website doesn't seem to have been updated. Would it be an idea to make an image of the letter received from Eurostar available to wave at any over-officious security people?

Topics  
Users  
FAQ  
Badges  
Categories  
General  
All categories

My Posts  
About  
Groups  
Site Feedback

1. The three lines open the menu to access your saved posts, groups, and the Discourse FAQ
2. The green envelope indicates an unread inbox message that can be accessed by clicking the User ID
3. There is also an all-topic search tool

Clicking 'My Posts' takes you to the below page where you can access Bookmarked posts:

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Home Join About

TestMember  
Test Member

Summary Activity Notifications Preferences

All Topics Replies Read Drafts Likes Bookmarks

At the bottom of the post, you can reply, 'Like' the post, generate a URL link to share it (via email / whatsapp /etc.), or Bookmark it (see right). The summary bar below the original post shows the date of creation, last reply, how active the post is (# of replies / views / users), and the most active users.