



Gradbach Scout Camp

Border Hike Committee

SCOUT BORDER HIKE 2023

FORMAT FOR THE EVENT

The event is held at the Gradbach Scout Campsite, Quarnford, nr Buxton situated in the beautiful Peak District hills. Gradbach is situated approximately seven miles from Buxton (Derbyshire), Leek (Staffordshire) and Macclesfield (Cheshire) so this is truly a rural hike.

1. The entry fee for the weekend is £70.00 (or £60.00 if paid before the 31st August 2023) per team of four including camping fees.
2. A leader must accompany the team(s) from each participating group whilst on site.
3. A team consists of four competitors whose combined age does not exceed 50 years.
4. The minimum age for contestants is 11 years (ie Year 7 onwards), the maximum age 14 years, on 31st August in the year of the hike.
5. Teams must camp at the site, arriving on Friday, departing on Sunday.
6. The incident hike of maximum 10 miles will take place on the Saturday.
7. The event will be a test of navigation and observation based on the following tests:
 - i. An on-going observational exercise, over the duration of the Hike.
 - ii. Incidents during the hike will be based on standard scout practice, general knowledge and teamwork
8. Points will be awarded for navigation and completion of the incidents, but not for speed. The event is not a race. Sections may have target times to keep the hikers moving with the aim of finishing before dusk. This has been introduced to improve safety for all involved.
9. Pennants and certificates will be awarded to all scouts completing the hike.
10. Trophies will be awarded to First, Second and Third placed teams.
11. The winning team will receive prizes to the value of £100.00
12. On Sunday morning there will be a 'Scouts Own' service, followed by the presentation of awards.

On receipt of your entry form and fee, full regulations will be sent to ALL teams (even if you have had them before or have down loaded them from the website).



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REQUIRED NAVIGATION SKILLS

As a guide, we expect each team to have the following navigation skills for walking in the areas around Gradbach on the Border Hike and John Bradbury Trophy.

Preparatory map skills

- The nature of maps.
- The use of 1:25 000 Explorer, map.
- Map direction.
- Scale and distance, measuring distance, distance and time.
- Conventional signs
- Marginal information.
- Grid references.
- A simple introduction to contours and gradient.
- The ability to give a verbal description of a route linking two places from the map

Practical map skills

- Setting the map.
- Locating position from the map.
- Determining geographical direction and direction of travel from the map.
- Checking the direction of paths using the set map.
- Identifying features in the countryside by using the map.
- Locating features marked on the map in the countryside.
- Planning a route, preparing a simple route card.
- Following a planned route.

Compass skills

- The care of the compass.
- Direction from the compass in terms of the cardinal and the four intercardinal points.
- Setting the map by the compass
- Finding a direction
- Travelling on a bearing. Obtaining a grid bearing from the map, allowing for magnetic variation where appropriate