



North York Moors National Park Education Service Activities for Uniformed Groups

Scouts: Hill Walker Activity Badge



This visit can provide some preparation for planning a one day journey to meet the requirements of this badge:

- Using a map and compass.
- Awareness of developments in technology, such as the Global Positioning System (GPS)

At the end of the session each Scout is presented with a certificate of merit.

The activity day includes:

Map and Compass Skills (part indoors and part outdoors)

An introduction to 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey maps with a series of practical activities covering map symbols, how to use the key, 6 figure grid references, contour lines, scale and measuring distance, how to find north on a map, how to orientate the map to north, how to set a compass to follow a bearing.

Geocaching (outdoor session)

Through this activity Scouts will gain an awareness of how GPS units can be used for navigating and will learn how to use them. The activity is a 'high tech treasure hunt' in the grounds of The Moors Centre. Scouts use handheld GPS units to locate hidden caches and are introduced to the fast growing, international sport of geocaching.

Moorland Walk

Using map reading and compass skills learnt in the previous sessions, we will follow a route on a map on to the moorland and back (about 2½ km). Each Scout will have a map and compass and will be able to practise navigating skills along the route and take turns leading.



Duration: About 4 hours plus a lunch break

Cost: Extended day rate £6.50 per child
Minimum per group £97.50
(all adults free)

Location: The Moors National Park Centre, Danby