



North York Moors National Park Education Service Activities for Uniformed Groups

Guides: Survival Badge

This visit can achieve or contribute to 6 out of the 7 requirements for this badge

- Make an emergency shelter
- Demonstrate one way of collecting water
- Pack a bag for a day trip to an area unknown to you
- Describe early signs of extreme weather conditions
- Show one way of finding north without using a compass
- Prepare an emergency survival kit for a rural area
- Know how to use a street map and plan a route to a given location



On completion of the day each Guide will be presented with a certificate of merit.

Activity Day Outline

Using street maps (indoor session)

Guides use a range of street maps to plan a route to a given location, learn to recognise symbols and how to calculate distance using a map scale. Using these skills, guides then use a map to identify the site for shelter building within the grounds of the visitor centre.

Making an emergency shelter (outdoor session)

Guides work in teams to build a shelter in a woodland environment. All shelters then undergo the waterproof test!

Water collection (outdoor session)

Guides are shown how to collect water using a few basic pieces of equipment.

Finding north (outdoor session)

Guides learn how to find north with and without a compass.

Preparing for a day out (indoor session)

Working in teams, Guides select suitable clothing for a day walking in the countryside and suitable items to pack in a survival kit. This leads on to looking at signs indicating that extreme weather might be on the way.

Duration 4½ hours plus a lunch break

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

Location The Moors National Park Centre

