



TOP AWARDS

PROGRAMME IDEAS: EXPEDITION SECTION

When completing each section of either your Chief Scout's Platinum Award, Chief Scout's Diamond Award, Queen's Scout Award or Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, you should develop a programme which is specific and relevant to you.

This sheet gives you a list of programme ideas that you could do or you could use it as a starting point to create an Expedition programme of your own! Remember, it's always your adventure.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE...

Going on an expedition gives you the chance to have an adventure, work as a team, and act on your own initiative. The expedition can be as far away or as close to your home as you want it to be, and there are hundreds of ways you can go about it.

BY FOOT

- Exploring teamwork by nominating a different leader each day.
- Studying insect life on the South Downs.
- Planning a route around three of the places that inspired Wordsworth's poems in the Lake District.
- Considering the impact of tourism on the flora and fauna of the French Alps.
- Creating a photographic guide to the Countryside Code round the Mourne Mountains for other DofE participants.

BY BICYCLE

- Investigating features of the Thames using Thames cycle path.
- Using the cycle system in the Netherlands to undertake a research project on the provisions and quality of cycle paths compared to Britain.
- Following part of the Gerald of Wales route of 1188 through Pembrokeshire.

BY BOAT

- Exploring the Norfolk Broads using sailing dinghies.
- Planning a cross channel journey in a yacht.
- Rowing along the Danube in Germany booking camp sites in advance.
- On expedition, using simple mapping techniques to produce your own map of a local estuary and compare it with a real map when you return.
- Planning a Bronze sailing expedition on Lake Ullswater in the Lake District.

BY CANOE OR KAYAK

- Recording the wildlife found on the Strangford Lough canoe trail.
- Taking a series of photos to come up with a guide to a section of London canal systems.
- Making a study of the locks and lochs on the Caledonian Canal.
- Carrying out a wilderness trip in Canada utilising the canoe trails used by the original settlers.
- Choosing several points along a river and measure speed of flow,

width and depth and comparing the differences along their route, trying to explain why this may be.

BY WHEELCHAIR

- Following a disused railway track noting the current use of previous railway buildings.
- Preparing a users' guide of a country park or National Trust estate, explaining how it can be used, e.g. fishing, picnicking, conservation.
- Planning and doing a challenging route in the Peak District, making a short video diary.
- Producing an illustrated guide to a stretch of canal. Research the history and then travel along the tow path using the expedition to gather photographs and sketches to illustrate the guide.
- Planning a route in Cropton Forest to take a series of landscape photographs to use in a calendar.

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ON HORSEBACK

- Planning an expedition on horseback in the countryside including identifying suitable farm camp sites and bridleways.
- Planning an expedition with sea views in Devon, taking photos along the way so that you can paint a picture of your favourite scene when you return.
- Exploring accessibility and bridle paths in the Brecon Beacons.
- Going on an expedition through woodland, noting the different types and ages of trees you see.
- Going on a horse riding expedition and writing a poem on your return to describe your experiences.

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Chief Scout's Platinum Award – scouts.org.uk/icvplatinum

Chief Scout's Diamond Award – scouts.org.uk/icvdiamond

Queen's Scout Award – scouts.org.uk/QSA

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – scouts.org.uk/DofE

You might also like to visit DofE.org/expedition for more guidance, information, programme planners and programme ideas.