

# TEN TORS 2026

INFORMATION MEETING

18<sup>th</sup> October 2025

10:00-12:00

# The Ten Tors Challenge

Starts and finishes at Okehampton Army Camp.

Organised by the Army, with support from the Royal Navy and RAF, as well as civilian emergency services and volunteers.

Attempted by 2,400 teenagers, in 400 teams of six.

Routes of 35, 45 or 55 miles depending on age, visiting 10 tors/check points in under two days.

Teams must be self-sufficient, carrying all they need to complete their route and stay out overnight.

**35 miles** – open to all 14-15 year olds as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026.

**45 miles** – open to all 16-17 year olds as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 (or those who have previously completed the 35 mile challenge).

## Our teams

2 x 35 mile teams

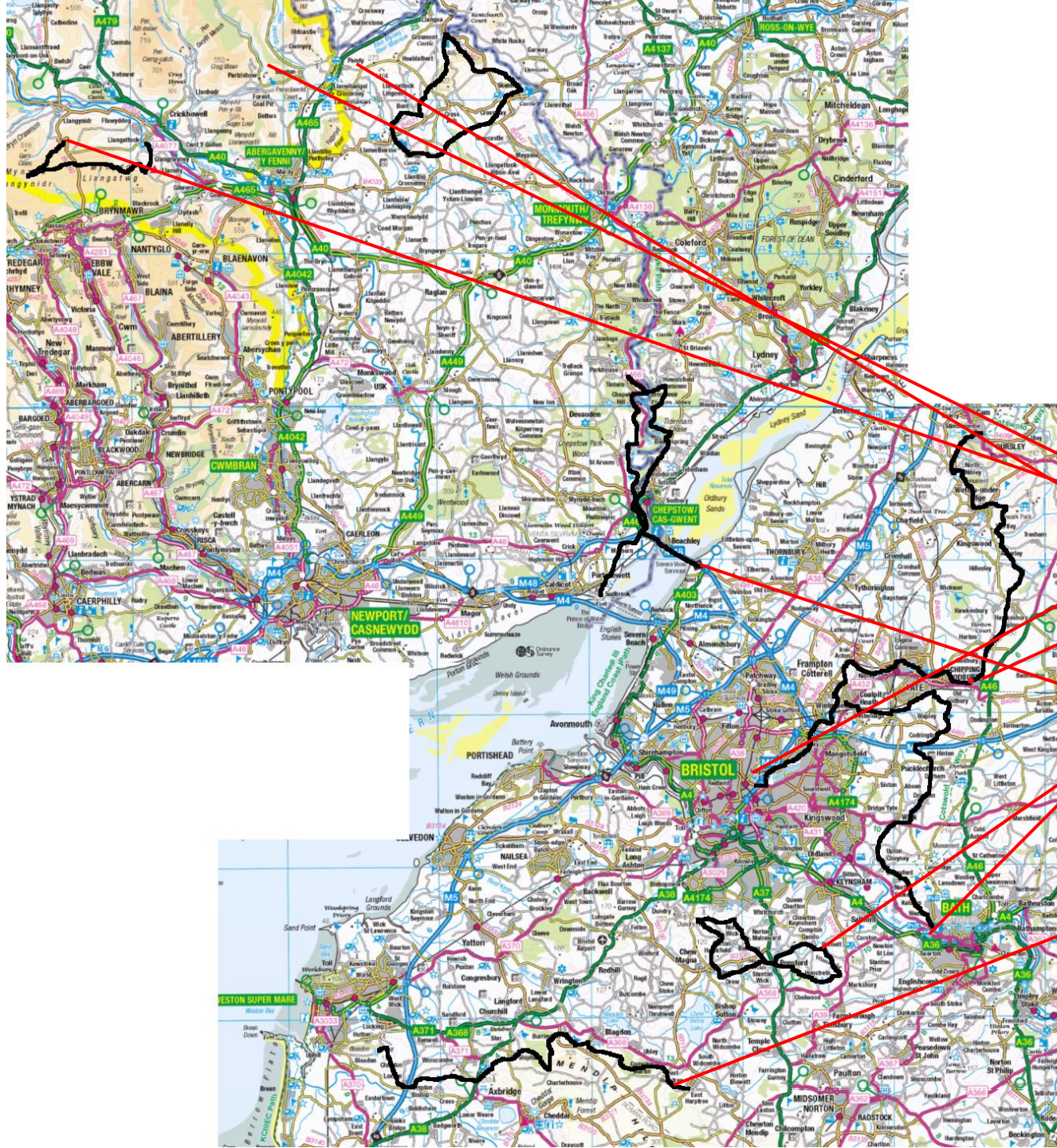
1 x 45 mile team

100% success rate at the 35 mile challenge over more than ten years

# Training Programme

- Our robust training programme is intensive, challenging and fun.
- We focus on camping skills, cooking, fitness, navigation, kit, first aid, route planning and team-building sessions.
- Only teams that have a full set of skills will come back having completed the event.
- We expect you to attend all the training activities, and will keep records, but we do recognise that there will be some events that you cannot attend.
- **Please note** that the weekends on Dartmoor, in March and April, are **compulsory** as these provide essential training aspects which will be monitored by the event's official scrutineers.
- If you are unable to attend any training event, please let us know.





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	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Nov	27	28	29	30	31	01	02	
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	Frome Valley
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Bath - Zion/Mafekin
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Cotswold Way, Theory 1
Dec	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	
	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	Pensford 8
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Jan	29	30	31	01	02	03	04	
	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	Brecon Beacons, Theory 2
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Black Mountains
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Theory 4
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Dartmoor 1
Apr	30	31	01	02	03	04	05	
	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Reserve Dartmoor 1
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Dartmoor 2
May	27	28	29	30	01	02	03	Event Briefing / Reserve Dartmoor 2
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# Training dates

- Training includes day walks, weekend training / expeditions and theory sessions covering -
  - ✓ navigation
  - ✓ use of equipment
  - ✓ personal kit checks
  - ✓ first aid
  - ✓ preparation for expedition weekends
- The training is currently scheduled with some Saturdays, some Sundays, and some whole weekends.
- Training dates are listed on the Training Dates Summary on our Forms and Downloads page.

The calendar of training dates and locations page on the same website will be updated with full details of start and finish locations, so keep watching the calendar for all information about training sessions.

We will use 1<sup>st</sup> Thornbury HQ as our meeting venue for kit check and theory training sessions and 1<sup>st</sup> Woodend for First Aid training session.

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# Team selection

- Each team has 6 members.
- This is one of our biggest challenges as we often have more explorers training than we have places.
- We need to be sure each team has the right combination of skills to have the best chance of finishing the event.
- Our decisions are based on skills, attendance, behaviour and fitness levels, and the training team have the final decision. We only decide the teams once most of the training is complete.
- Reserves are ideal should there be last minute illness or injury.
- We have often filled gaps in other districts should they fall short.

All kit must satisfy the official list – take it shopping with you.

If you're not sure, ask us before you buy anything.

We'll check kit before training weekends.

You can use the same kit for DofE and other Explorer activities.

You'll need a good pair of walking boots, walking trousers or walking leggings and a full set of waterproofs, plus a water bottle or hydration pack, lunch, snacks, a headtorch and a day rucksack, for your first training session.

We train through the winter so have suitable hat and gloves available.

Sleeping bags, expedition rucksacks and other equipment can be bought later.

# Personal equipment

From Forms and Downloads -

- official Ten Tors kit list
- information sheet about discounts from outdoors shops
- document showing example kit



We operate under Scout Association rules -

- Hillwalking permits
- Camping permits
- DBS checks
- First Aid certificates
- Our registration form will be used for all training, if any contact details change or you are away please let us know where to find you.

We have a code of conduct -

- Training team instructions must be followed
- Litter- take it home or put it in a bin
- No smoking, drugs or alcohol
- Respect all property and belongings
- Don't walk on crops, don't climb walls and shut gates behind you

# Our rules- your rules

From Forms and Downloads -

- Countryside Code leaflet
- Tick Aware leaflet

Training for 35 miles can cover the following Bronze award sections-

- EXPEDITION SECTION – covers the training requirement and expedition
- PHYSICAL SECTION – Walking for Fitness- we recommend for your 6 month requirement
- SKILL SECTION - Navigation skills – 3 months – you need to be seriously interested in this and talk to us first!

You need to be in control of your DofE Award and not rely on the training team to do it all for you.

We will register expeditions where appropriate and supply assessor reports on request.

Training for 45 miles can cover the following Silver award section -

- EXPEDITION SECTION – covers the practice expedition (If there are enough for a team)

# Ten Tors and DofE

For more information including how to register for DofE through Explorer Scouts see <https://cesd.org.uk/sections/explorers/DofE/>

# The event –

## 8-10 May 2026

- Just before the event, you and your parents will need to come to our Event Briefing for a final kit check and a compulsory safety briefing.
- You need to be at Okehampton camp around lunch time of Friday 8 May.
- Ask your school for permission well in advance.
- This gives you time for final kit checks, time to study your route, and enjoy the armed forces activities, then relax and have something to eat (we provide a meal).
- Parents are very welcome to come to the start at 7am on Saturday morning and also on the Sunday to cheer the teams home – this could be anytime between late morning and 5pm. It's a fantastic day!

**If you're in your GCSE or A level year, check the exam timetable –some exams are in the days immediately before and after Ten Tors.**

We are using a pay monthly based approach to training.

- The Training Fee is £25 per month for the 6 month period of training covering November through to end of April.
- Plus an Event Entry Fee of £70\* for those selected for our teams.

This gives you a more flexible approach to the early training before committing to the full cost.

Please pay by bank transfer with a reference of the participant's name.

Bank details are available on hand-out along with QR codes for registration form and WhatsApp groups. There is also a Gift Aid form to be returned at the first hike attended.

\*This could change to cover team hoody or similar.

## Costs

Covers the cost of:

- Entering the event and camp fees for training walks and weekends
- Team equipment such as stoves and tents, and first aid courses
- Leaders' fuel costs
- Some meals on training weekends and at the event itself

**From Forms and Downloads -**

**- Registration & Health Form**

# Parent help

To make this a success, we need your help!

You'll need to transport your explorer to and from training walks (we have a parent WhatsApp group to help you arrange lift shares).

You'll also need to make sure they are properly equipped.

If you're an experienced hill walker and want to join us on any of the trips, let us know. We'll need to make safeguarding checks.

Almost all our current training team are parents of previous participants or were previous participants.



# Thanks for coming -any questions?

Please make sure you've filled in our attendance sheet.

We look forward to seeing you!!

Contacts:

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All forms etc can be found on the Forms and Downloads page on our website - <http://cesd.org.uk/TenTors>

Facebook – Cotswold Edge District Ten Tors

Instagram -  
@cotswoldedgedistricttentors

## Parent WhatsApp



## Registration Form

<https://forms.office.com/e/5JZSTD0AnH>



## Participant WhatsApp

