Ten Tors - 7th – 9th May 2027
Parents & Participants Info Meeting

Cotswold Edge Scout District – Ten Tors
https://cesd.org.uk/sections/explorers/tentors/

17th October 2026

Scouts

The Event

- What is the Ten Tors Challenge?
- Our teams and eligibility

Training

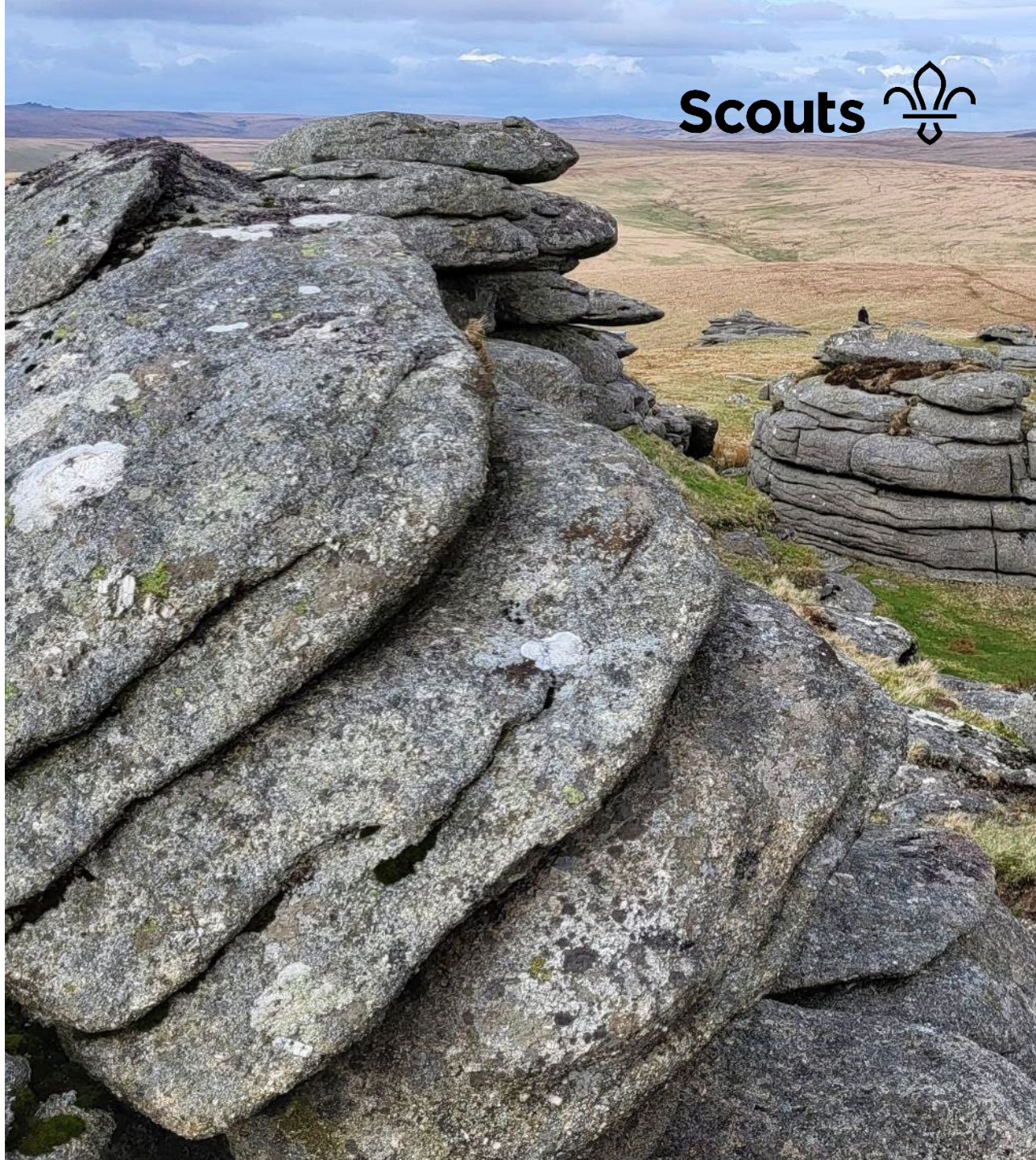
- Training with Cotswold Edge
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- Costs

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- Kit Checks
- Group Kit

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The Event

What is the Ten Tors Challenge?

- A 2-day hiking challenge across in Dartmoor national park.
- Starting and finishing at Okehampton Battle Camp.
- Organised by the Army supported by Navy, RAF and emergency services.
- Attempted by 2400 teenagers in 400 teams of six.
- Routes of 35, 45, or 55 miles, visiting 10 checkpoint Tors.
- Teams are self-sufficient carrying all they need to compete.
  No phones or electronics allowed – paper maps only!
- Overnight Wild Camping
- All those who attempt Ten Tors will remember it for the rest of their lives

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What is the Ten Tors Challenge?

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th May 2027

(note GCSE/A-Level exams may have started)

Friday 7th **(Day off School required – request well in advance)**

- **Arrive by lunchtime to get settled in.**
- Event village, get loads of freebies!
- Final route planning and group kit allocation.
- Recce of the start location.
- Dinner provided then early to bed.

Saturday

- 5am wake up to Chariots of Fire on the Tannoy
- Breakfast then head to the start for 6:30am
- Parachute display team, speeches.
- **7am field gun fires and you are off!!**
- Overnight camp at (35m) or before (45m) checkpoint

Sunday

- 6am restart after breakfast
- **Finish by lunchtime hopefully (5pm latest)**



What about parents?

Ten Tors is a fantastic event for everyone; you don't want to miss out – so don't just drop off and go home!

Make a weekend of it, stay somewhere local.

Saturday

- Get up (very) early to come to the start
- Watch as 2400 participants spread out across the moor on their way to their first checkpoint.
- Come back to camp for a cuppa, visit throughout the day to get progress updates (you can also track online).
- Maybe go for a walk - but leave the teams to it!

Sunday

- Watch them cross the finish line!



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2 x 35-mile teams of six

Open to all 14 - 15 years old (by 31/08/2027)

1 x 45-mile teams of six

Open to all 16 - 17 years old (by 31/08/2027)

(or those who have previously completed the 35-mile challenge).

100% 35mile team success rate for more than 10 years



Training

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Training with Cotswold Edge – The Leadership Team









Our Ten Tors leadership team operates under Scout Association rules that require us to have:

- Hillwalking permits
- Lightweight Camping permits
- DBS checks
- 1st Aid training and certificates

Robust training scheme is Intensive, Challenging & Fun

You will cover:

- Route Planning
- Navigation
- Fitness
- Teamwork
- First Aid
- Camping Skills
- Cooking
- Preparation for expedition weekends

Teams with a full set of skills can expect success!

We expect you to attend all training activities, and will record your progress. Tell us if you cannot make an event.

The two weekends on Dartmoor in March/April are **compulsory** and monitored by event organisers**.**



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Training Dates

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Training Calendar is available on our website.

You can add the Google Calendar to your calendar app

- Calendar will be updated with exact times and locations.
- Mix of Saturday, Sunday and weekend activities.
- Classroom sessions at Thornbury Scout Hut

Date	Event
Sat, 17 Oct 2026	Parents and Participants Information Meeting
Sat, 7 Nov 2026	35m & 45m Training Walk: **Frome Valley**
Sat, 21 Nov 2026	35m (and new 45m) Training Walk: **Bath to Frampton Cotterell**
Sat, 12 Dec 2026	35m (& new 45m) 1st Classroom Session
Sun, 13 Dec 2026	35m & 45m Training Walk: **Cotswold Way**
Sat, 9 Jan 2027	35m & 45m Training Walk: **Pensford Figure of 8**
Sat, 23 Jan 2027	35m (and new 45m) 2nd Classroom Session & Full Kit Check
Sun, 24 Jan 2027	35m & 45m Training Walk: **Brecon Beacons**
Sat, 30 Jan 2027	First Aid Course *(TBC)*
Sat, 6 Feb 2027	Training Walk: **West Mendips**
Sat, 20 Feb 2027	35m & 45m 3rd Classroom Session, DofE Planning & Full Kit Check
Sun, 21 Feb 2027	35m & 45m Training Walk: **Cotswold Way North**
Sat, 6 Mar – Sun, 7 Mar 2027	35m & 45m Training Expedition Weekend: **Wye Valley**
Sat, 13 Mar 2027	35m & 45m 4th Classroom Session & Full Kit Check
Fri, 19 Mar – Sun, 21 Mar 2027	35m & 45m **1st Compulsory Dartmoor Training Weekend**
Fri, 2 Apr – Sun, 4 Apr 2027	*Reserve Weekend:* 1st Compulsory Dartmoor Training Weekend
Fri, 16 Apr – Sun, 18 Apr 2027	35m & 45m **2nd Compulsory Dartmoor Training Weekend**
Fri, 23 Apr – Sun, 25 Apr 2027	*Reserve Weekend:* 2nd Compulsory Dartmoor Training Weekend
Sat, 1 May 2027	35m & 45m Parents & Participants Mandatory Pre-Event Briefing
Fri, 7 May – Sun, 9 May 2027	**TEN TORS 2027 Event: Dartmoor**
Sun, 13 Jun 2027	Celebration BBQ and Award Presentation *(TBC)*



Team Selection

- Each team has exactly 6 members – this is a challenge.
- We sometimes have more Explorers than we have places for.
- Teams need to have the right combination of skills to be successful. Not everyone needs to be great at everything!
- We do NOT operate a process of needing to prove your place on every training event – we make our selection choices once most of the training is complete.
- Selection is based on skills, attendance, behaviour and fitness – the training team has the final decision.
- Reserves are useful for last minute injury or illness, BUT we will try to find places with other districts for those not selected.



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Training with Cotswold Edge

Costs

1. We are using a pay monthly based approach to training. **£25** per month for the 6-month period of training covering November through to end of April. (Most of the costs occur in the last 3 training events, late starters will still need to cover the 6 months value)
2. An Event Entry Fee of **£80*** for those selected for our teams. (*This could change to cover team hoody or similar.)

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

- The training fee covers:
  - Equipment wear-and-tear e.g. stoves, tents, maps, compasses …
  - Camp fees for weekend events & First Aid Training fee
  - Leaders fuel
  - Some meals on training weekends

- Please pay by bank transfer with a reference of the participant's name.
- Bank details are available on hand-out along with QRcodes for registration form and WhatsApp groups. There is also a Gift Aid form to be returned at the first hike attended.

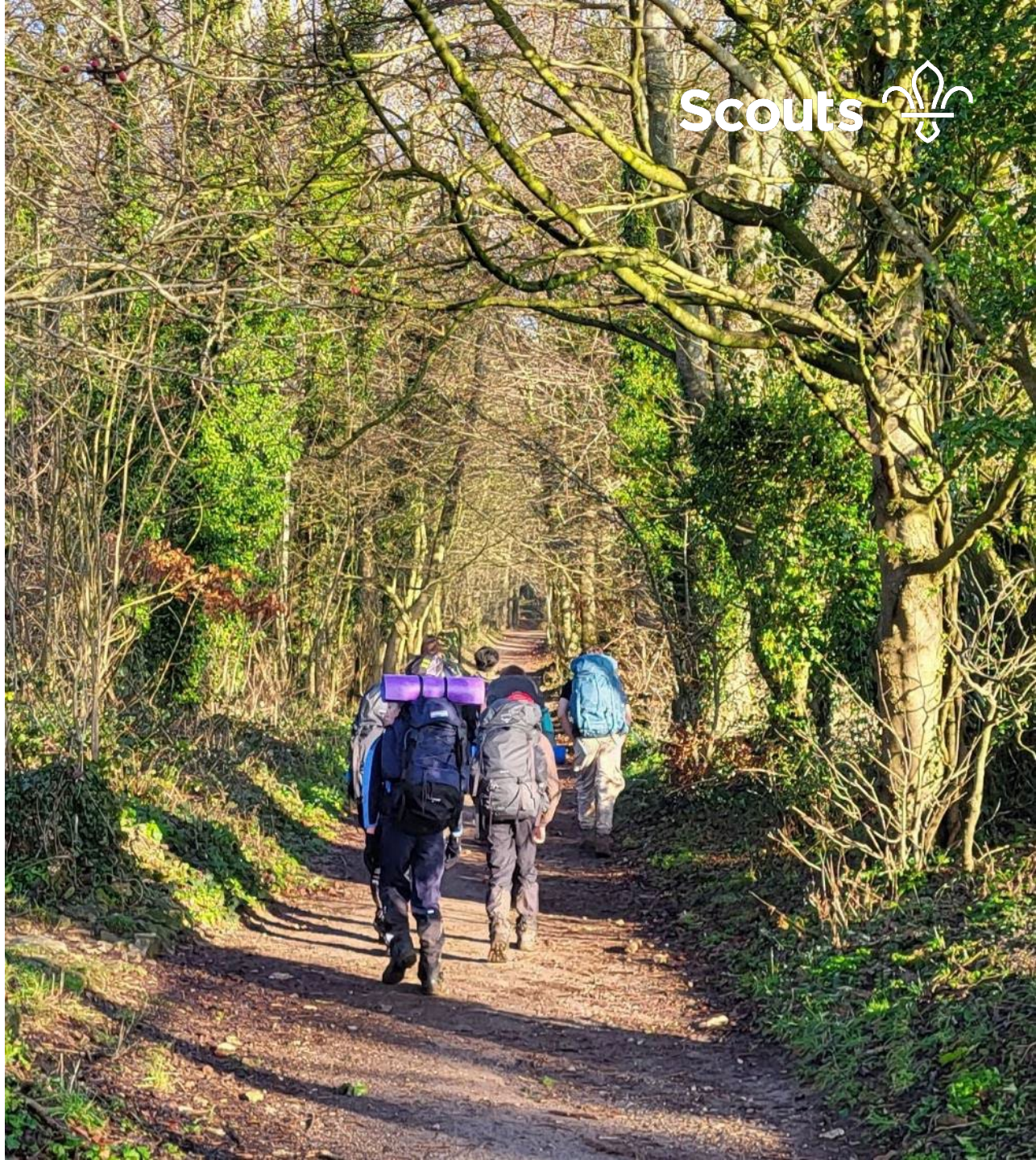


Equipment

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Personal Equipment

- Having suitable equipment is very important for comfort and safety. All kit to be used MUST adhere to the requirements of the official kit list. Discounts available at most outdoors shops.
  (details available on the Forms and Downloads website page)
- Take the list with you when shopping, and if you have any questions about kit suitability ask us before you buy.
- We will run mandatory kit checks at classroom training sessions – we expect to see ALL YOUR KIT including food.
- You can use the same kit for DofE and other 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.
- Sleeping bags, expedition rucksacks and other equipment can be bought later.



DEMO: Example Kit and what we expect to see at kit checks

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Group Equipment

We will provide group equipment for day hikes, weekend hikes and the event.
This is shared out for all team members to carry.

Group Kit includes:

- Maps, Compasses and Map cases
- Group First Aid kit
- Survival bags
- Jet-Boil Stoves and gas
- Small trowel
- Tents (sleep 3)

Expedition food for training and the event is not provided; you will need to buy Wayfayrer or similar.



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Ten Tors and DofE

- **Ten Tors Training can cover the following award sections:**
- PHYSICAL: Walking for Fitness 3 or 6-month requirement
- SKILL: Navigation skills 3 or 6-month requirement
  (you need to be seriously interested in this and talk to us first!)
- **The Wye Valley weekend:**
  - BRONZE QUALIFYING EXPEDITION: covers the training and expedition requirements
- **One of The Dartmoor weekends:**
  - SILVER (OR GOLD*) PRACTICE EXPEDITION SECTION: covers the practice expedition
    (If there are enough for a team)

- 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.

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



Further info & FAQ

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Code of Conduct

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 registration form information will be used for all training activities, if any contact details change or you are away during an activity, please let us know how to contact you



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Parent Help

To make Ten Tors training 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.



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FAQ's

Q: Where can I find the all the information about Cotswold Edge Ten Tors?

A: Everything you need is on our website check regularly for updates: https://cesd.org.uk/sections/explorers/tentors/

Q: What happens if they get lost during a hike?

A: Getting lost is all part of the training! For early walks an adult will be shadowing each team. Later they will be on their own. We do use trackers, but will only intervene if there is a danger, or it's getting very late!

Q: What if I can't attend an event?

A: We want all participants to try to attend every training session – this gives them the best chance of success. But if you can make any please speak to us.



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Thank you for coming

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

Scan the QR codes for registration and WhatsApp groups.

We look forward to you joining us!

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ANY QUESTIONS ?

Parent WhatsApp

Participant WhatsApp

Registration Form

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

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Thank you