

## Programme ideas: Expedition section

When completing each section of your DofE, you should develop a programme which is specific and relevant to you. This sheet gives you a list of ideas that you could do or you could use it as a starting point to create an Expedition 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 home as you want it to be, and there are hundreds of ways you can go about it.

### Help with planning

You can use the handy programme planner on the website to work with your Leader to plan your activity.

#### **On foot**

- Studying insect life on the South Downs.
- Exploring teamwork by nominating a different leader each day.
- Searching for forms of fungi, recording and sketching them.
- 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.
- Drawing all the different star constellations you can see.
- Creating a photo guide to the Countryside Code round the Mourne Mountains.

#### **By bicycle**

- Using the cycle system in the Netherlands to undertake a research project on the provisions and quality of cycle paths compared to Britain.
- Producing a nature guide of your route for future visitors.
- Investigating features of the Thames using the Thames cycle path.
- Doing a cycle of remembrance, taking in the historic wartime sites in Normandy.
- Creating a video diary of the expedition, recording each team member's experiences.
- Following part of the Gerald of Wales route of 1188 through Pembrokeshire.

#### **By boat**

- Exploring the Norfolk Broads using sailing dinghies.
- Planning a Bronze sailing expedition on Lake Ullswater in the Lake District.

- Exploring different team roles needed on a boat and giving everyone an opportunity to do a new one.
- Rowing along the Danube in Germany booking camp sites in advance.
- Planning a cross-channel journey in a yacht.
- Using simple mapping techniques to produce a map of an estuary on the expedition & compare it with a real map when you return.

#### **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.
- Investigating samples of the river bed en route and comparing them with each other.
- Carrying out a wilderness trip in Canada using 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**

- Creating an expedition music play list that reflects the team's experiences.
- Following a disused railway track noting the current use of previous railway buildings.
- Planning and doing a challenging route in the Peak District, making a video diary.

- Preparing a users' guide of a country park or National Trust estate, explaining how it can be used, e.g. fishing, picnicking, conservation.
- Planning a route in Cropton Forest to take a series of landscape photographs to use in a calendar.
- Producing an illustrated guide to a stretch of canal. Research the history and then travel along the towpath using the expedition to gather photographs and sketches to illustrate the guide.

#### **On horseback**

- Planning an expedition on horseback in the countryside including identifying suitable farm camp sites and bridleways.
- Exploring accessibility and bridle paths in the Brecon Beacons.
- 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.
- Creating a series of team games to play whilst on expedition.
- Going on an expedition through woodland, noting the different types and ages of trees you see.
- Going on a horseriding expedition and writing a poem on your return to describe your experiences.

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 for more guidance,  
 information and a  
 programme planner.