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Girlguiding Hertfordshire Walking Team Newsletter April 2022

Walking Team activities have really taken off and the last two weekends exceeded all expectations. Sunshine blessed us both in the Black Mountains and in the Lake District, so walking, scrambling and wild swimming were all enjoyed. Just look at theses photos and be inspired to join us next time, in Shropshire.









Closer to home, Heidi lead an interesting 2.5 hour social walk along the sculpture trail in the Lea Valley and the 16 hour outdoor first aid course at the beginning of the month was sold out. Be sure to book onto our events quickly.

There are however spaces available on **Mountain Experience**, a fun weekend for Rangers & Young Leaders in the Peak District in July. Please share the <u>attached flyer</u> with your girls. We could have an adult group too. In the daytime it's a chance to get up onto the edge of Kinder Scout or onto Bamford Moor to practice navigation skills and then on Saturday night its downtime – hot chocolate, games, chatting, face packs whatever, the choice is yours. We sleep indoors with showers and a hot cooked meal.

There are also local social walks & geocaching, and adult social & training weekends on offer – see the dates below and get booked on! Meanwhile we are looking forward to the Sensory Safari and Explore 3 Treasure Hunt at the County Outdoor Activity Day and to Itth. It's a busy time.

See below for details of these and other events. Do join us.

Alison Tuch, County Walking Adviser

Events Diary

email walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk to book unless stated otherwise

Saturday 23rd April - Sensory Safari for Rainbows & Brownies and Treasure Hunt (Explore 3) for older Brownies & Guides. Both activities to be included in the County Outdoor Day. £15. More information on the County website events page.

29th **April – 2**nd **May - Introduction to the Hills.** FULLY BOOKED - A camping weekend of walking, climbing, caving & cycling for Herts Guides and Scouts, aged 11 – 13.

Sunday 8th May – <u>Social walk from Bramfield</u>. For adults, Young Leaders & Rangers. 10.30-12.30. Just 'walk & talk' or improve your map reading skills if you wish – please say if you want this when booking. No charge.

10-12 June - Anglia Region Adult Social Walking Weekend in Shropshire – Easy to moderate walking (level 2). Stay indoors for £45 for 2 nights or camp at Brow Farm nearby. Catering £10 for the weekend plus an optional pub dinner. See Anglia Girlguiding events page. Social walking weekend 2022 | Girlguiding Anglia (girlguiding-anglia.org.uk)

Saturday 18th **June – Afternoon -** <u>Social geocaching in central Herts</u>. For adults, Young Leaders & Rangers. Training and advice available. Please say if you want training when booking. No charge.

8-10 July - Mountain Experience, at Glenbrook Guide Centre, Peak District. A hillwalking weekend for Rangers & Young Leaders wanting to learn map reading & navigation skills for their own adventures, for DofE, or so that they can enter the Hertfordshire Scouts Peak Assault competition in remote terrain. £70 to include minibus transport, warm indoor bunk bed accommodation and food. Financial assistance available.

Sunday 24th July – provisional date for local social walk

26-31 Aug - Anglia Heads High. A hill/mountain weekend in Crainlarich, Scotland for adults. £17/night or £75 for 5 nights. Option to self cater or pay £10 per day. Own travel. Email Moira Ledbetter moiledie@yahoo.co.uk for more information / to book.

14-16 Oct – Provisional dates for Hertfordshire Peak Assault (Herts Scouts Competition)

Week commencing 17 Oct Level 3 Walking Scheme, Hill & Moorland, Mountain Leader Training & Assessment from Glenshee. (organised & run by National Walking Team — contact joyce.guides@gmx.co.uk)

4-6 Nov Anglia Social Walking & Level 2 Training & Assessment Weekend @Glenbrook, Hope, Peak District. More information will follow from Verity Maclachlan but you can express interest at this stage walking@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk