



Girlguiding Hertfordshire

Walking Team

Newsletter Sept 2022

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Wow what a good Summer for walking & camping! Mountain Experience in July seems a long time ago now. It ran as a joint Ranger & Explorer event for the first time and was a great success. Navigation training groups ran separately for each organisation with the young people reporting back that they really enjoyed being together in the evening. Next year's event has been brought forward to March so that it's before the DofE season starts. It might be a little cooler, but accommodation is indoors with all food & transport provided. Please tell your girls about it now and ask them to register interest with me at walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk.



This weekend just gone saw the final DofE weekend for this year's cohort and 14 more girls have successfully completed their bronze / silver expeditions. A massive thank you to our DofE Adviser Katie Wright who has put in a huge amount of effort and got DofE flying for our girls. If you have girls who might wish to participate in 2023 please ask them to register their interest with Katie at dofe@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

There's a lot coming up for adults too, both training & social weekends. See below.

Finally, would you like to take your girls out & about either locally or in the hills but don't know how to go about it? Ask me – I can help with planning and risk assessments. Maybe you or a fellow Guider would be interested in learning to use a map & compass? Or maybe you'd like a member of the Walking Team to come and lead geocaching or a walk for your unit? Ask us and we will do our best to help you.

Enjoy your walking!
Alison Tuch, County Walking Adviser

Events Diary

email walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk with any queries

10 Sept Social Walk for Adults – 2pm from Gaddesden Row Guide Centre, with an option to look around. No charge. This walk would be suitable to take girls on, should you book a camp or pack holiday at Gaddesden Row. Walk approx 2 hours. To book, email walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

14-16 Oct – Hertfordshire Peak Assault (Herts Scouts orienteering competition in upland terrain). We would love Ranger (and adult) teams to enter the competition, but they MUST have had some prior remote terrain experience eg having attended Mountain Experience or done Gold DofE in an upland area. Please get in touch with me to discuss your girls' abilities before registering officially. walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

17-22 Oct - Level 3 Walking Scheme, Hill & Moorland, or Mountain Leader Training & Assessment from Glenshee. **Adult social walkers also very welcome.** Organised & run by the National Walking Team – contact Ruth Bint our National Walking Adviser, Ruth.Bint@girlguiding.org.uk

22 Oct – Social Walk, Radlett area– for Rangers, Young Leaders & Adults. 10am start. Approx 2.5hours. To book, email walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

4-6 Nov Anglia Social Walking & Level 2 Training & Assessment Weekend @Glenbrook, Hope, Peak District. For more information and online booking: www.girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/events/social-training-and-assessed-walking-weekend

28 & 29 Jan 16 hour Outdoor First Aid Course @ Ellesborough Guide Centre – for those aged 16+ member or non member. Much of the teaching and all scenarios will be outdoors ‘on the hill’ to simulate realistic incidents on steep ground, in woodland etc. Course cost £130 with funding available for those taking outdoor qualifications. Accommodation available.

17-19 Mar 2023 Mountain Experience – A navigation training weekend for Rangers, Young Leaders & Adults, staying indoors in Glenbrook Guide Centre, Hope, in the Peak District. £70. Register interest by emailing walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

31 May – 4 June 2023, Anglia Heads West – A mountainous walking weekend in Snowdonia, for adult members and friends. £50-£75 (dep on numbers) for bunkhouse accommodation at Coetmor Mill. Email Moira Ledbetter at walking@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk for more information / to book a place.