



Girlguiding Hertfordshire

Walking team

Newsletter – October 2023

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Greetings walkers! This newsletter is a collaborative effort as Amy W-H (walking team administration lead volunteer) and Nic Day (social events and joint Itth lead volunteer) are covering Alison's absence whilst she recovers from a recent operation. We all wish Alison a speedy recovery so she can get back to the walking adventures she loves very soon.

We are just back from our recent Marathon Challenge event along the Norfolk coast with Rangers and young leaders. We walked 26 miles (a marathon) along the coastal path in different groups as well as exploring the local seaside towns. We have many wintery social walks scheduled while the ground is crisp and the air is fresh, finishing with either a refreshing tea or a cosy pub lunch waiting for you at the end. There is lots to look forward to with the walking team events.



Julia and Kerry have had a busy summer running [geocaching sessions](#) with units around the county. If you'd like to organise a geocaching session for a daytime weekend over the Winter or during one of your unit Spring/Summer term meetings and learn how to do this activity independently, email walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk with 'Geocaching' in the subject field.

Join us in wishing groups from Lyra and Buntingford Rangers lots of luck as they will be competing in Hertfordshire Peak Assault, a remote terrain orienteering event run by Hertfordshire Scouts.

If you or your Rangers would be interested in working their way up to participating in a future Peak Assault event or towards a Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, why not have a look at our [navigation training weekend, Mountain Experience \(MX24\)](#) 15-17 March 2024? Contact walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk to register your interest or check out [MX24](#) on the website for details. Please circulate [the flyer](#) amongst your Rangers.



Alternatively, Introduction to the Hills (Itth) for Guides and Scouts aged 11-13 will be returning in May 2024, for those adventurous guides that want to try out hillwalking, outdoor climbing, cycling and caving. Please see the [itth](#) event for more information and contact info@itth.org.uk.

March starts with the Monopoly Run, which is a large Monopoly themed event for Girlguiding and Scouting throughout the streets of London. This is not an event organised by us but visit: <https://monopoly-run.co.uk/> for more information. We look forward to seeing you there so let us know if you're going.

If you'd like to challenge yourself to something new, why not consider starting your log book for the Girlguiding walking scheme? Join us on our social walks or record your own independent adventures. You can download the log book template from the appendix of the [walking scheme](#) and start recording your walks straight away, including walks you've already done, and why not do [level 1 of the walking scheme](#) on 3 - 5 November? There is one place left on the Anglia region training weekend for level 1 so snap it up quickly whilst you still can! The cost is £148 inclusive of bunk accommodation, training and food.

Enjoy your walking

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Events Diary

Sunday 8 October [Sensory Safari in Broxbourne Woods](#) – 10am - 1pm – For Rainbows and Brownies with units or families. Applications are closed.

Sunday 8 October [Afternoon social walk in Broxbourne Woods](#) – 1.30pm - 3.30pm for adults, Rangers and young leaders. Please send interest to walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

Friday 13 - Sunday 15 October - [Hertfordshire Peak Assault](#) – for Ranger and adult teams. Whilst applications for 2023 are now closed, if you would like to participate in 2024 visit this link for more information: <https://www.14-25.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/peak-assault-2023>.

Friday 3 - Sunday 5 November - [Anglia walking scheme level 1 and level 2 training and social walking](#) – *Last chance to book* – level 1 and water safety for those aged 16+. To book click on the above link.

Sunday 3 December - [Mince Pie walk](#) – 11.30am - 2.30pm starting from Hertfordshire Guide Centre, in Cottered, for units from all sections and families. This is a short figure of eight trail following pavements, footpaths and grass verges spotting local landmarks. Seasonal refreshments provided. To book, email walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk.



Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 January – [DofE Bronze & Silver training weekend](#) at Cherry Green Trees. Email dofe@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk for more information.

Saturday 27 January – [Crisp and frosty social walk](#) 10:00 start, walking for 2-3 hours with optional pub lunch, for adults, Rangers and young leaders. Location: St Albans. To book, email:

walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk.

Saturday 17 February – [Snowdrops social walk](#) 10.30am start, walking for 2-3 hours, location: Benington (near Stevenage). For adults, Rangers and young leaders. To book, email:

walking@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

Saturday 2 March – [Monopoly Run \(full day event\)](#) for Guides, Rangers, Scouts & Explorers. Location: London. This is not an event organised by us but to set up your own team, visit: <https://monopoly-run.co.uk/> for more information. Let us know if you're going!

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 March – [Navigation training – Mountain Experience \(MX24\)](#) aimed at Rangers. This is an opportunity to learn how to navigate in remote terrain using maps and compasses. For more information, check out this link: [MX24](#)

Sunday 24 March – [Easter Egg Hunt](#) – Timings tbc for units from all sections and families
Location: Guessens District, Welwyn – *Save the Date*

Advance notice of Anglia region social walking events for adults in 2024

- Anglia goes to Northumberland 30 May – 2 June (3 nights towards end of half term) – send expressions of interest to walking@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk;
- Anglia goes to the Lake District 22-27 Aug (5 nights over August bank holiday) – send expressions of interest to walking@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk;