

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Many thanks for deciding to send your child on The Dartmoor Experience 2019. I hope that this will prove to be a rewarding and enjoyable activity for all those involved.

Although Dartmoor can be a potentially hazardous environment if not appropriately respected, please feel assured that students will be supervised at all times and briefed beforehand on how to navigate successfully around the terrain. Of the three staff members involved, all have great experience of moorland walking whilst one has relevant walking and first aid qualifications.

Please find below an itinerary of the planned activities for the two days. Obviously, if the weather is particularly severe, amendments to this programme may need to be made to ensure the safety and enjoyment of students and staff; we will only take the drastic measure of cancelling the camping if absolutely necessary. However, I doubt that this unlikely situation will arise in June.

| DATE                       | DEPARTURE              | RETURN  | ACTIVITY   |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Thur June 27 <sup>th</sup> | 0900h<br>TCS Reception | 1500h Bellever Forest<br>campsite<br>(Estimated time of<br>arrival) | Navigation from Sharpitor to<br>Princetown via Ingra Tor, King's<br>Tor and Swell Tor. Minibus to<br>campsite. Make camp. Cook<br>dinner.  |
| Tue June 28 <sup>th</sup>  | 1000h<br>TCS Reception | 1500h TCS Reception<br>(Estimated time of<br>arrival)               | Cooked breakfast. Break camp.<br>Navigation from Hound Tor to<br>Hemsworthy Gate via Greater<br>Rocks, Smallacombe Rocks,<br>Holwell Tor, Saddle Tor and Seven<br>Lords Land. Return to TCS. |

All travel to, from and around Dartmoor will be undertaken by minibus; if your child is prone to travel sickness, please let me know so that I can ensure adequate provision is made. Travel should not take more than one hour to or from any of the activities so any discomfort should be relatively brief.

I have enclosed a proposed kit list. Please let me know if you have any issues procuring any of the items as we have quite extensive stores for Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh training which can be loaned out.

There is also an SOE3 form which needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible; due to where I work within the school, it will be best if these are returned to Resources where I will arrange for their collection.

I hope that the enclosed details are requisite. However, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [adam.horne@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:adam.horne@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk)

Best Wishes,



Adam Horne  
Trip Leader



## Dartmoor Experience 2019: Kit List

### Clothing

- Appropriate walking clothes. Please remember that the routes *may* be muddy.
- Warm clothing such as hat, gloves and scarf (weather dependent).
- Jumper and/or fleece.
- Sun hat, sunglasses, sun cream etc (weather dependent).
- Jeans can be worn, but please bear in mind that denim is liable to chafe, dries very slowly and has little retention of warmth.
- Shorts can be worn, but please bear in mind that, during the Summer months, ticks and gorse are rampant.
- Appropriate footwear – preferably boots or walking shoes. Trainers will be fine.
- Waterproof coat.
- Rucksack for carrying food and equipment.

### Camping *Only required for Thursday; tents and all cooking / eating materials will be provided.*

- Sleeping bag.
- Sleepwear.
- Change of underwear (T-shirt, socks, pants etc).
- Change of top layers (in case of rain).
- Wash kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap etc).
- Towel.

### Food and Drinks

- Packed lunch and snacks required for Thursday; dinner and breakfast will be provided on Thursday evening and Friday morning respectively. We will arrange food for Friday lunch although it will be helpful if you can provide snacks.
- Please ensure that pupils have a decent breakfast on Thursday.
- Students should have at least 1 litre of water to carry with them; energy drinks (such as Monster, Relentless or Red Bull) are not allowed.
- ***Please let me know of any specific dietary requirements / allergies (either on the SOE3 form or via email) and I will endeavour to cater for them.***

### Optional

- Roll mat.
- Insect repellent.
- No more than £5.00 cash (for food / ice-creams / drinks) – kept secure and not loose in a pocket.
- Torch (with working batteries).
- Medication (please ensure that this is labelled with your child's name and given to a member of staff with a full list of instructions).
- Ink pad (for taking stamps).
- Walking stick.
- Camera.

In the interests of safety and to ensure that pupils are paying appropriate attention to their surroundings, ***the playing of music or use of entertainment equipment is strictly prohibited whilst walking.*** Mobile phones can be carried, but should only be used if absolutely necessary until we reach the campsite or return to TCS.

If you have any issues procuring any of the necessary equipment, please contact me via e-mail and I will arrange for the loan of items from our stores: [adam.horne@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:adam.horne@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk)