

# TEN TORS 2022

## Ten Tors Update

Walk 3: 15/01/2022  
(Fernworthy Circular)

Following the Christmas break, it was great to see continued enthusiasm and enjoyment from the vast majority of our students. It never ceases to amaze me how many happy teenagers are prepared to voluntarily come in 0800h on Saturdays throughout the Winter. It really shows fantastic resilience and dedication.

Due to our ongoing paucity of minibus drivers, the route for this walk was altered to a circular navigation so that Mr Johns was able to join us. Although they can be somewhat limiting in scope, we will probably be continuing this trend so that our staff numbers are maximised. I will continue to meet with the Navigation group prior to each walk so any changes to the route will not be a surprise.





Our navigation started at Fernworthy Reservoir (near Chagford) on the North-Eastern slopes of Dartmoor. Once the group had made their way to the opposite banks, we headed North over Thornworthy Tor on the way to Kestor Rock. It became clear that, despite the time of year, it was not a cold day and layers quickly had to be shed to ensure we didn't overheat. We then moved down to Batworthy Corner on our way to Teign-e-ver clapper bridge over the River Teign. Once safely over, we continued North to Scorhill Circle (very impressive), Buttern Hill and then West to Gartaven Ford. The students were given their first taste of freedom as they were tasked to navigate up to Hound, Wild and Watern Tors by themselves whilst staff monitored their progress from a distance. Once

these summits had been conquered, the group dropped down to Teignhead clapper and finished the walk heading back through Fernworthy Forest. Conditions were generally perfect: cool, dry and calm with excellent visibility. The wind started to bite as the afternoon went on, but we were brave. 😊.



## WWW

- Pace and urgency were greatly improved. 18.5km over relatively challenging terrain in 6 hours. Nice.
- Navigation was excellent again. Be careful to keep aware of your current position. Use features to guide you.
- Positive attitude, determination and resilience continue to endure.
- Great recognition must go to Bruce S for his amazing teamwork which included carrying another student's bag for the last 4 miles. Well done, mate.
- A special mention must also go to Miss Ousley who, on her first walk with us, managed to up to her ankles twice in bogs and comically fell over five times. An impressive introduction.



## EBI

- Any attempted dictatorships will not be tolerated. Remember that this is a team event, NOT a one-person show. Treating others without proper respect and/or consideration will be noted and may jeopardise your place in the final team(s).
- Recognise and allow everyone to exercise their talents; we are training everyone in a variety of skills – utilise them e.g. injuries need to be dealt by members of the Morale group; they will take the lead in these situations. Don't impede others in carrying out their responsibilities.
- Many students need to be carrying larger packs with more weight. You need to get used to doing this ASAP or you will never be able to handle the actual event. Any students that need to borrow a rucksack should speak to a member of Ten Tors Staff (AH, RHJ, SHW) and we can quickly arrange this for you.

**We have had a few voluntary withdrawals meaning that we are now down to 19 students vying for 14 spots (12 x team members + 2 x reserves). Well done to those who will no longer be training this year; please consider trying again in the future.**

The next walk is on Saturday 29/01/2022. We look forward to seeing you there.