

## Programme planner: Expedition section

### What is this programme planner for?

When completing each section of your DofE programme, you should develop a programme which is specific and relevant to you. This sheet will help you to plan your DofE programme for the Expedition section. For help and support either see your DofE Leader or visit [www.DofE.org/expedition](http://www.DofE.org/expedition)

### The Expedition section – why do it?

Going on an expedition gives you the chance to have an adventure, work as a team, and act on your own initiative.

### How long should I do activities for the Expedition section?

Level	Minimum time	Notes
Bronze	2 days and 1 night	At least 6 hours during the daytime (at least 3 of which must be spent journeying).
Silver	3 days and 2 nights	At least 7 hours during the daytime (at least 3½ of which must be spent journeying).
Gold	4 days and 3 nights	At least 8 hours during the daytime (at least 4 of which must be spent journeying).

### Programme plan for: (your name) \_\_\_\_\_

#### How do you want to travel on your expedition? (tick box)

- By foot
  By bicycle
  By boat  
 By canoe or kayak
  By wheelchair
  On horseback

#### How will you research what you can do for your expedition? E.g. ask Leader/family/friends, research on the internet

#### Where will you go on the expedition? What will you do? Who will you go with?

#### How will this challenge you?

#### What do you want to achieve? What are your specific goals?

Who is going to help you complete your activity? E.g. Who is going to help you prepare for the expedition? Who is going to supervise you? Who is going to assess you?

What evidence will you collect to show your progress? E.g. How will you give your presentation?

## Programme ideas: Expedition section

When completing each section of your DofE, you should develop a programme which is specific and relevant to you. This sheet gives you a list of ideas that you could do or you could use it as a starting point to create an Expedition of your own! Remember, it's always your adventure:

### It's your choice...

Going on an expedition gives you the chance to

- **BY FOOT**
  - Exploring teamwork by nominating a different leader each day.
  - Studying insect life on the South Downs.
  - Planning a route around three of the places that inspired Wordsworth's poems in the Lake District.
  - Considering the impact of tourism on the flora and fauna of the French Alps.
  - Creating a photographic guide to the Countryside Code round the Mourne Mountains for other DofE participants.
- **BY BICYCLE**
  - Investigating features of the Thames using Thames cycle path.
  - Using the cycle system in the Netherlands to undertake a research project on the provisions and quality of cycle paths compared to Britain.
  - Following part of the Gerald of Wales route of 1188 through Pembrokeshire.
- **BY BOAT**
  - Exploring the Norfolk Broads using sailing dinghies.
  - Planning a cross channel journey in a yacht.
  - Rowing along the Danube in Germany booking camp sites in advance.
- **BY CANOE OR KAYAK**
  - On expedition, using simple mapping techniques to produce your own map of a local estuary and compare it with a real map when you return.
  - Planning a Bronze sailing expedition on Lake Ullswater in the Lake District.
- **BY CANOE OR KAYAK**
  - Recording the wildlife found on the Strangford Lough canoe trail.
  - Taking a series of photos to come up with a guide to a section of London canal systems.
  - Making a study of the locks and locks on the Caledonian Canal.
  - Carrying out a wilderness trip in Canada utilising the canoe trails used by the original settlers.
  - Choosing several points along a river and measure speed of flow, width and depth and comparing the differences along their route, trying to explain why this may be.
- **BY WHEELCHAIR**
  - Following a disused railway track noting the current use of previous railway buildings.
  - Preparing a users' guide of a country park or National Trust estate, explaining how it can be used, e.g. fishing, picnicking, conservation.
  - Planning and doing a challenging route in the Peak District, making a short video diary.

have an adventure, work as a team, and act on your own initiative. The expedition can be as far away or as close to home as you want it to be, and there are hundreds of ways you can go about it.

### Help with planning

You can use the handy programme planner on the website to work with your Leader to plan your activity.

- Producing an illustrated guide to a stretch of canal. Research the history and then travel along the tow path using the expedition to gather photographs and sketches to illustrate the guide.
- Planning a route in Cropton Forest to take a series of landscape photographs to use in a calendar.

### ON HORSEBACK

- Planning an expedition on horseback in the countryside including identifying suitable farm camp sites and bridleways.
- Planning an expedition with sea views in Devon, taking photos along the way so that you can paint a picture of your favourite scene when you return.
- Exploring accessibility and bridle paths in the Brecon Beacons.
- Going on an expedition through woodland, noting the different types and ages of trees you see.
- Going on a horseriding expedition and writing a poem on your return to describe your experiences.

Visit [www.DofE.org/expedition](http://www.DofE.org/expedition) for more guidance, information and a programme planner.