

Bronze DofE Expedition Overview

Practice Expedition 16th – 17th May 2026

<p><u>Start Location – 16th May 2026</u> Watermead Open Space Car Park, Pewsham Way, Chippenham, SN15 3GF</p> <p>What3Words ///reach.gave.grabs</p> <p>Arrival Time: Teams 1-6 @ 09:30am Teams 7-12 @ 10:00am</p>	<p><u>Finish Location – 17th May 2026</u> Overton Hill Car Park, Ridgeway National Trail (Google Pin) Marlborough SN8 1QG</p> <p>What3Words ///replays/composers.originate</p> <p>Collection between 2pm-4pm (Pending their pace and efficiency) Students will be asked to phone ahead of arrival</p>
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Campsite

Blackland Lakes, Stockley Lane, Calne, SN11 0NQ
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Qualifying Expedition 13th – 14th June 2026

<p><u>Start Location – 13th June 2026</u> Barbury Castle Car Park Swindon, SN4 0QH</p> <p>What3Words ///brand.visa.bronze</p> <p>Arrival Time: Teams 1-6 @ 09:30am Teams 7-12 @ 10:00am</p>	<p><u>Finish Location – 14th June 2026</u> Barbury Castle Car Park Swindon, SN4 0QH</p> <p>What3Words ///brand.visa.bronze</p> <p>Collection between 2pm-4pm (Pending their pace and efficiency) Students will be asked to phone ahead of arrival</p>
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Campsite

The Lake, Upper Ham Farm, Thornhill, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, SN4 7RX
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Mobile Phones & Contacting the Safety Supervisor

During the Expedition, the participants will be **unaccompanied in their teams**. We allow them to carry **mobile phones**, but we ask them to not use them and keep them switched off, in the sealed dry bag provided at the start of the expedition. Students will be trained, that in the unlikely event of an incident they can access their phones to contact the safety supervisor of the expedition. We advise them **not** to contact anybody else during the expedition/incidents, as this can create hysteria and clog up phone lines which may be required for incident management.

If you do not bring all equipment, i.e., Waterproofs, drinking water, etc, then we may not allow you to complete your Expedition due to safety issues.

Top Tips for your DofE Expedition

Equipment

1. Your rucksack size should be between 55 and 75 litres.
2. Make sure your boots are waterproof and fit before arriving for the expedition.
3. Bring the appropriate clothing for the weather (Woolly hat or sun hat?)
4. Bring alternative footwear for the campsite (You will **NOT** be allowed to walk around camp bare foot or in socks!)
5. You need to be able to carry 2 litres of water in bottles or a hydration pouch

Food

1. Plan and cook your meals as a team.
2. Remove any excess packaging from your food before you leave home.
3. Avoid glass jars as these are heavy to carry.
4. Don't bring fresh meats or items which would usually be kept in a fridge.
5. Bring some washing up equipment within your team.

Packing your rucksack

1. Waterproof everything using plastic bags, bin bags etc.
2. Ensure you have space in your rucksack for Team Equipment (Tent, Cooker etc.) which will be given to you at the start location of the expedition.
3. Everything, other than a sleeping mat **MUST** go inside your rucksack.
4. Pack items such as sleeping bag and spare clothes at the bottom of your rucksack as you will not need these until you get to camp.
5. Remember! Waterproof everything using plastic bags, bin bags etc.