

Welcome to The 2020 Trek Challenge.

Sunday 4th October 2020.

After 36 very successful years of being run by The Redditch Scout Active Support Unit The Trek is being updated in keeping with more modern requirements and is being renamed **The Trek Challenge**.

The Trek Challenge will continue with the original format of up to 20 fixed Bases located around the Inkberrow area where teams of three (four in exceptional circumstances**) will receive, before the competition day, a list of Base Grid References to work out their walking routes.

The Trek Challenge is a combined hiking and activity competition with points being scored for arrival at a Base and further points awarded for the successful completion of the Base activity.

Bases open and close at pre-determined times throughout the day.

The Trek Challenge is open to all members of the Scout and Guide associations aged above ten and a half. Classes to suit all ages, please refer to the list below.

2020 Trek Challenge - Team Classes

Pathfinder Class. 10½ up to 12 years old.

Adventurer Class. Aged over 11 but under 14 years.

Trek Trophy. Scouts and Guides up to age 18 years

Explorer Class. Scouts and Guides 14 up to 18 years

Venture Class. Up to 25 years.

Leaders (Doc's Trophy) Class. 25 years and over.

Team Classes are based on the age of the oldest team member (except Leaders) on the day of the **Trek Challenge**.

Tony Thomas Award. Up to 14 years.

Creative design award at the discretion of the Trek Challenge Committee.

Walking distances range from a few miles up to approx 25 miles within a seven hour time frame.

Each team must have a team name for identification purposes. The team entry will be registered using the chosen name and cannot be changed once entered. The team name must NOT exceed 20 characters including spaces.

The Trek Challenge is a competition where pre planning and ongoing decision making on the day is very important.

For the **2020 Trek Challenge** teams will be able to choose their own start time (between 08.30hrs and 10.30hrs subject to availability) when filling in their team entry form. Actual team start times will be advised when the list of Base Grid References, including Base open/close times, is emailed to teams. Early application is recommended as places fill quickly

Preplanning should include deciding on a team walking speed, choosing the bases to visit, finding the best route from base to base (road, public footpath, bridleway etc.) and making sure that the base can be reached when the base is open.

Please note that it is a **Trek Challenge** requirement to visit a minimum of 4 of the 6 **Major Bases. These are numbered 1,2,3,4,5 and 6.**

Ongoing Decision Making should include keeping to preplanned timings, allowing for extra time on bases if necessary, allowing for drifting off route or getting lost and if a base happens to be extremely busy making the decision just to claim the 5 or 10 base attendance points and not complete the Base task (Please refer to **The Trek Challenge** rules).

The Trek Challenge starts and finishes at the HQ at INKBERROW VILLAGE HALL, SANDS ROAD, INKBERROW, WORCS, WR7 4HJ.

For the **2020 Trek Challenge** we are trying out a **Virtual Prize Giving**. This allows us to have more flexible start times.

At booking in each team will be photographed (subject to consent) and winning teams will receive a photograph of themselves including a picture of the trophy they have won.

All trophies will be on display on **Trek Challenge Day** at the HQ.

When each team has completed their Trek Challenge, they must sign back In at the booking in table at the HQ .

The entry fee for the **2020 Trek Challenge** is £6.00 per person and will include light refreshments on return to the HQ, a **2020 Trek Challenge** medal for every participant and photographs and certificates for winning teams.

A full list of team placings and points scored will be available on our website as soon as possible after the event.

On return to HQ teams are free to leave for home subject to the team having made suitable transport arrangements.

When completing your team on line entry/fee payment form you will also have access to download the Parent/Guardian Consent/ Permission to Walk form, as well as the general enquiry form.

**** Four person teams are allowed in special circumstances by arrangement with the committee but only three will be able to take part in Base activities. For less able team members who may find difficulty on parts of the course please contact us to make suitable arrangements using the on line general enquiry form.**

You must have the Parent/Guardian Consent/Permission to Walk form completed and signed ready to hand in on the day.

Anyone who does not have a completed form will not be allowed to walk.

Requirements for each team

Compass
O/S map of the area
Route sheet
Team route card (supplied on the day)
Watch
Small first aid kit
Torch (can be a phone torch)
Whistle
Hot drink
Mobile phone
Base grid reference sheet which includes the emergency phone numbers.

Requirements for each team member

Pen/pencil
Strong shoes or boots for walking/hiking
Waterproof jacket and trousers (or gaiters)
Suitable activity clothing including a hat
Food and drink for the day

A high visibility jacket/ vest
Day sack,