

Hiking (off-site)



About the activity

Your pupils can discover the natural beauty of the local surroundings on a hike led by our staff. We'll organise activities and set tasks to help your pupils get the most from the experience.

Activity aims

The aim of this activity is to:

- Allow guests the experience of walking appropriate to their ability level and available routes.
- Increase fitness and appreciation of the surrounding landscape.
- Ensure participants work together supporting and encouraging each other.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to discuss what they have accomplished and assess their experience.

Progression opportunities

Some participants may also:

- Participants can be given more responsibility for leading and navigating as the session progresses.
- Changing ground conditions and terrain may provide more physical challenges.
- Be able to assess risks and understand how these may be controlled.

In addition, participants should also have developed in the following:

- Interpersonal communication
- Teamwork
- Outdoor confidence
- Some fitness advantages

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the activity, participants will have:

- Demonstrated the ability to listen to, understand and act on safety instructions received.
- Understood how walking can improve their health and physical fitness.
- Effectively worked as a team supporting their peers throughout the activity.
- Contributed to a post-activity review led by the instructor, identifying their experiences and recognising their achievements.

Associated vocabulary

| Words relevant to safety | e.g. appropriate clothing, route card, instructions, safety equipment. |
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| Words relevant to equipment | e.g. map, compass, ruck sack, walking boots, survival shelter, survival bag. |
| Words relevant to the activity | e.g. pace, leader, direction, gradient, timing. |
| Words relevant to teamwork | e.g. achievement, communication, encouragement, listening, participation, review. |