

East Somerset District Day Hike

Sunday 2nd March 2025



Dear Scouts and Parents,

Scouts are invited to take part in this hike, which is also a map reading training day, which will enhance their skills and confidence. This has been rescheduled from the Storm-Cancelled November Hike.

Start and finish will be **Wincanton Scout Hut, Cale Park, Cemetery Lane, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 9ED.**
What3Words Location: dictation.finely.duplicity (Google River Cale Café for Hut Location, not for parking).
 Please can you park in Car Park on entry and walk to 200m ish to Hut – parking by the hut is very limited.
 Times are expected to be from 8am to 9am – the exact time for your Scouts will be given out the week before to Leaders once all teams are confirmed.

Estimated finish time will be around 5 hours after each team start time but this is dependent on the weather conditions, difficulty of route, accuracy of navigation and how fast the Scouts walk! We appreciate that this may result in parents having to wait for their Scouts so please can you build this into your schedule.

Please can you be considerate when dropping off and picking up your Scouts and consider car sharing.

Please note the information below concerning personal kit. Information about group kit has been given to your Scout Leader to organise.

Parents and helpers who are not leaders and who hold valid DBS clearance through the Scout Association are welcome to attend and walk with Scouts or man a checkpoint. Please let your Scout Leader or I know if you're interested in helping out. You will need to complete a health form, which you can get from your Scout Leader.

<i>Area of Hike:</i>	Map 129 Yeovil & Sherborne	
<i>No in team:</i>	Minimum 4 – Maximum 7	
<i>Cost:</i>	£1.50 per Scout	
<i>Age groups:</i>	10.5–14years	
<i>Personal Equipment:</i>	Rucksack (day sack) Packed Lunch – remember they are hiking so chocolate and extra food is ok!! Drink (1l in proper bottle) Hat/Gloves/Scarf/Neck Gaitor	<u>Waterproof Outerwear</u> <u>Appropriate Footwear for a hike</u> – boots with decent grip and ankle support (gaiters are recommended) NO WELLIES, TRAINERS, JEANS OR DENIM <u>Emergency Rations</u>

IF ANY SCOUT TURNS UP IN WELLINGTON BOOTS, TRAINERS OR DENIM CLOTHING THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART. Wellington boots have little or no grip and do not provide ankle support while trainers are as per wellies and are not waterproof - walking boots will reduce the risk of slips and falls. Denim clothing can cause chaffing and gets very wet, heavy and cold in the rain. These factors are included in our risk assessment, if we then let a Scout walk in wellies or denim we invalidate the risk assessment and our insurance for the event. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please complete and return the attached health form to your Scout Leader, with the £1.50 payment, by the date that they request, so it can be sent to the organisers.

Yours in Scouting,
 Charlotte Redfearn-Ward
 District Scout Programme Team Lead