



EXPEDITION KIT LIST

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This list is an illustration of the type of items you may need when undertaking a DofE Expedition. This list is to be used as a **GUIDE only** and there is no obligation to buy the specific items we recommend.

Remember your *DofE Expedition Kit Guide*, full of essential advice about the kit you'll need. See www.DofE.org/go/ekg.

Quantities of some items depends on level and duration of expedition.

Using the DofE Reward Card

All DofE participants and Leaders can get a great discount (**Leaders = 20%**, **participants = 15%**) off expedition clothing and equipment (online and in stores) at Cotswold Outdoor, the Recommended Retailer of Expedition Kit to the DofE.

Find out more about this discount from www.DofE.org/go/cotswoldoutdoor. All of our Recommended Kit has been tested by DofE expedition teams.

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A range of deals and offers on expedition kit is available at www.DofE.org/go/exk.

CLOTHING

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific items we recommend
		1 pair walking boots (broken in)	Brasher Fellmaster boot, very suitable for Silver/Gold expeditions
		2 pairs walking socks	Bridgedale Woolfusion Trekker, Bridgedale Women's Woolfusion Trekker, Bridgedale Woolfusion Trail/Woolfusion Trail Women's
		2 pairs sock liners (optional)	Bridgedale Coolmax Liner, Bridgedale Women's Coolmax Liner
		2-3 t-shirts	Craghoppers – Vitalise Base T-shirt
		Thermal t-shirt (optional)	Craghoppers – Vitalise Base T-shirt
		2 fleece tops or similar	Craghoppers – Micro Fleece: Ionic Half Zip
		2 walking trousers (warm, NOT jeans)	Craghoppers – Terrain Trousers
		Underwear	
		Nightwear	
		Flipflops/trainers/sandals etc (optional for evenings)	
		Warm hat &/or sunhat (as appropriate)	
		1 pair gloves (if appropriate)	
		1 pair shorts (if appropriate)	
		Sunblock (if appropriate)	Lifesystems - Mountain Formula SPF25, Mountain Formula SPF50, Mountain Combi Stick SPF50
		1 pair gaiters (optional)	
		Waterproof over-trousers	Craghoppers - Travelite Over Trousers
		Jacket/coat (waterproof & windproof)	Craghoppers – Waterproof Shell: Reaction Lite Jacket, Soft Shell: Ionic Hooded Jacket

PERSONAL KIT

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific items we recommend
		Rucksack	Vango: Contour, Sherpa, Pumori, Nanga
		Rucksack liner (or 2 strong plastic bags)	Lifeventure: Dri-store Bags (5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 70 litres)
		Sleeping mat	Vango: Adventure, Trek, Ultralite
		Sleeping bag	Vango: Nitestar, Ultralite, Supernova, Latitude, Venom, Stratos (Cotswold exclusive)
		Waterproof bag (e.g. for storing sleeping bag)	Lifeventure Dri-store Bags (5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 70 litres) Lifeventure Waterproof Compression Stuff Sack 5/10/15 litre
		Sleeping bag liner (optional)	Lifeventure Expedition Cotton Rectangle/Mummy Sleeper, Expedition Silk Cotton Rectangle/Mummy Sleeper
		Survival bag	Lifesystems Survival Bag
		Small quantity of money (optional)	
		Notebook & pen/pencil	

* Terms and conditions apply. Ask in-store for details.

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Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific items we recommend
		Watch	
		Whistle	Lifesystems – Survival Whistle, Safety Whistle
		Torch (handheld or head torch)	Lifesystems – Intensity 220 torch, Intensity 80 head torch,
		Spare batteries & bulb for torch	
		Personal first aid kit (see below)	Lifesystems – Camping first aid kit, Trek first aid kit, Blister first aid kit
		Emergency food rations	
		Water bottle (1-2 Litres)	Lifeventure – Stainless Steel Bottle (600ml, 800ml), Tritan Flask (1000ml), Tritan Bottle
		Knife, fork, spoon	Lifeventure – Basic knife fork & spoon set, Folding knife fork & spoon set; Ellipse knife, fork & spoon set
		Small pocket knife/pocket tool	Victorinox – DofE Pocket Tool (www.DofE.org/go/victorinox2)
		Plate/bowl	Lifeventure – Camping Bowls, Camping Plate, Titanium Plate, Lexan Camping Set, Ellipse plate, Ellipse mug
		Mug	Lifeventure – Camping Mug, Titanium Mug
		Box of matches (in waterproof container)	Lifesystems – Windproof survival matches
		Wash kit/personal hygiene items (some items could be shared as a group)	Lifeventure – Wash Bag (Small), All Purpose Soap, Dry Wash Gel
		Towel	Lifeventure – Expedition compact Trek Towel (Small, Medium, Large)

GROUP KIT (to carry between the team)

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific items we recommend
		Tent(s)	Vango – Banshee, Helix, Zenith, Pulsar, Nimbus, Halo, Omega, Tempest, Mirage, Hurricane, Apex, Chinook, Equinox, Havoc, Spirit, Spectre
		Camping stove(s)	Trangia 25 & 27 series – 25-1UL, 25-5UL, 25-1GB/UL, 25-2GB/UL, 27-1UL, 25-5GB/UL, 27-5UL, 27-1GB/UL, 27-5GB/UL, Trangia Gas Burner. Vango Folding Gas Stove: compact, lightweight gas stove good for Silver and Gold teams
		Camping stove fuel in an appropriate & safe container	Trangia – Fuel Bottle 0.5L, 1.0L
		Cooking pans	Included with Trangia stoves
		Scourers	
		Tea towels	
		Food (lightweight & including snacks)	
		Plastic bags (for rubbish etc.)	
		Toilet paper	
		Maps (1:50 000/1:25 000)	OS Explorer Map/OS Landranger Map in paper or active laminated versions. OS Custom Made centred on your expedition. See www.DofE.org/go/osmaps
		Compass(es)	Silva Field/Ranger/Expedition 4 compass. www.DofE.org/go/silva
		Map cases	Silva Large Map Case. See www.DofE.org/go/silva
		Camera (optional)	
		Tick remover (optional)	Lifesystems Tick Remover

If you need more information about expedition kit, please refer to the DoE *Expedition Guide*, available from www.DofEshop.org and the expedition training system, EX² (see www.DofE.org/go/ex2)

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PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT A personal first aid kit should include the following:

Got it	Packed it	Item needed (all this is included in the Lifemarque Camping First Aid Kit & Blister Kit)
		At least 2 pairs of disposable vinyl (latex-free) disposable gloves
		A large individually-wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressing
		An individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressing
		An assortment of individually wrapped sterile unmedicated adhesive dressings (e.g. Melolin squares)
		An individually wrapped triangular bandage
		2-3 individually wrapped antiseptic wipes
		Crêpe bandage
		Large safety pins
		Small pair of safety/medical scissors
		A pair of tweezers
		Assorted adhesive plasters (e.g. zinc oxide, fabric strip, waterproof)
		Microporous (medical) adhesive tape (or fabric adhesive tape)
		Blister plasters/blister kit
		Chiropody felt
		Burns wound dressing
		Eye wash (can also act as a wound wash)

Participants should make the Expedition Supervisor, Assessor, other staff and team members aware of any relevant medical condition that may impact on their (or others') safety. Participants should also make people aware if they are allergic to anything, including antibiotics or any other medicine or drug. In discussion with their Expedition Supervisor, participants might also include in their personal first aid kit appropriate personal medication, painkillers, antiseptic cream, antihistamine/bite cream and rehydration tablets/sachets.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL KIT for you to consider

These are items that might not be necessary on every expedition but which can be very useful/essential in certain situations.

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific items we recommend
		Hydration pack	Vango 2L Hydration pack
		Storm shelter	Vango – Storm Shelter.
		Stove multidisc (collander/lid/cutting board)	Trangia – Multidisc 25 series, Multidisc 27 series
		Menu guidance	DofE Outdoor Eating App (iPhone only). (www.DofE.org/go/food)
		Pre-packed expedition food	Vestey Foods (www.DofE.org/go/vestey) single pouches & 12 hour packs
		After-sun cream	Lifesystems Aftersun Soothing Lotion (200ml)
		Sunglasses	
		Insect repellent	Lifesystems – Expedition 50+ Insect Repellent, Natural 40+ Insect Repellent
		Stopwatch	
		Waterproofing (pre-expedition)	Nikwax: Tech Wash 100ml Pouch, TX.Direct Wash-In 100ml Pouch, Footwear Cleaning Gel 125ml, Fabric & Leather Proof 125ml sponge on or spray on, Nubuck & Suede Proof 125ml sponge on or spray on, Tent & Gear Solarproof 500ml, Tech Wash 300ml bottle, TX.Direct Wash-In 300ml bottle.
		String	
		Spare boot laces	
		Tin opener	
		Ball, playing cards etc.	
		Trowel	
		Shewee	www.shewee.com
		Mosquito net	Lifesystems – Micronet Mosquito Nets
		Emergency lightsticks	Lifesystems – 12h Light Stick
		Water purifying tablets	Lifesystems – Chlorine Dioxide Tablets
		Travel plug	Lifesystems – Travel Adaptor
		Security pouch	Lifeventure – Body Wallet (Waist, Chest)