



EXPEDITION KIT LIST

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About the kit list

This list is an illustration of the 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.

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All of our Recommended Kit has been tested by DofE staff or expedition teams to be good value for money and fit for purpose. Variations of kit items are to allow for differences in level and duration of expeditions.

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CLOTHING

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific tested items we recommend
		1 pair of walking boots (broken in)	Berghaus: Explorer Trek and Explorer Ridge boots
		2 pairs of walking socks	Bridgedale: WoolFusion Trekker, WoolFusion Trekker women's, Woolfusion Trail, WoolFusion Trail women's
		2 pairs of sock liners (optional)	Bridgedale: Coolmax Liner, Coolmax Liner women's
		2-3 t-shirts	Craghoppers: Fusion and Vitalise Base T-shirt
		Thermal t-shirt (optional)	Craghoppers: Fusion and Vitalise Base T-shirt
		2 fleece tops or similar	Craghoppers: Fleece: Vector and Ionic Hooded Jackets, Vector and Ionic Half Zip Tops
		2 walking trousers (warm, NOT jeans)	Craghoppers: Traverse Trousers
		Underwear	
		Nightwear	
		Flipflops/trainers/sandals etc (optional for camp site use)	
		Warm hat &/or sunhat (as appropriate)	
		1 pair gloves (if appropriate)	
		1 pair shorts (if appropriate)	
		Waterproof over-trousers	Craghoppers: Ascent Overtrousers
		Jacket/coat (waterproof & windproof)	Craghoppers: Waterproof Shell: Reaction Lite and Apex Jackets
		1 pair gaiters (optional)	

PERSONAL KIT

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific tested items we recommend
		Rucksack	Vango: Contour, Sherpa, Pinnacle rucksacks
		Rucksack liner (or 2 strong plastic bags)	Lifeventure: Dry Bags (2/5/10/15/25/40/70/100 litres)
		Sleeping bag	Vango: Nitestar, Latitude, Venom, Ultralite, Ultralite Pro and Stratos (Cotswold Outdoor exclusive) sleeping bags
		Sleeping mat	Vango: Single Adventure and Trek mats
		Waterproof bag	Lifeventure: Dry Bags and Compression Bags
		Sleeping bag liner (optional)	Lifeventure: Polycotton sleeping bag liner

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		Survival bag	Lifesystems: Light and Dry Survival bivi, Survival bag, Thermal bag
		Whistle	Lifesystems: Survival whistle, Safety whistle
		Torch (handheld or head torch and spare batteries)	Lifesystems: Intensity 220 torch, Intensity 220 head torch
		Personal first aid kit	Lifesystems: Camping first aid kit, Trek first aid kit, Blister first aid kit, Waterproof first aid kit. Visit DofEShopping.org/safety for info
		Expedition food (including emergency rations)	Beyond The Beaten Track: Expedition food packs and ready meal pouches. Get advice at DofEShopping.org/food
		Water bottle	Lifeventure: Tritan Flask (1000ml), Tritan Bottle (650ml)
		Knife, fork, spoon	Lifeventure: Basic knife fork and spoon set, Ellipse knife, fork and spoon set
		Small pocket knife/pocket tool	Victorinox: DofE Pocket Tool For advice visit DofEShopping.org/safety)
		Plate/bowl	Lifeventure: Stainless steel camping bowl, camping plate, Titanium plate, Ellipse plate, Ellipse bowl
		Mug	Lifeventure: Stainless steel camping mug, Titanium mug, Ellipse mug
		Box of matches (in waterproof container)	Lifesystems: Windproof matches
		Wash kit/personal hygiene items (some items could be shared as a group)	Lifeventure: Wash bag (small), All-purpose soap, Dry wash gel
		Sunblock (if appropriate)	Lifesystems: Mountain Formula SPF50, Mountain Combi Stick SPF50
		Towel	Lifeventure: Soft Fibre Lite towel (large 120g, x-large 146g, giant 203g)
		Small quantity of money (optional)	
		Notebook and pen/pencil	
		Watch	

GROUP KIT (to carry between the team)

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific tested items we recommend
		Tent(s)	Vango: Banshee, Helix, Zenith, Pulsar, Nova, Halo, Omega, Tempest, Mirage and Meteor
		Camping stove(s)	Trangia: 25 & 27 series, Gas burner, Gel fuel burner and Liquid fuel burner. Vango: Folding gas stoves.
		Camping stove fuel in an appropriate and safe container	Trangia: Fuel bottle 0.3L, 0.5L, 1.0L Vango: Bio-ethanol gel fuel 200ml and 1 litre pouches
		Cooking pans	Included with Trangia stoves
		Scourers	
		Tea towels	
		Food (lightweight and including snacks)	Get advice at DofEShopping.org/food
		Plastic bags (for rubbish etc.)	
		Toilet paper and Trowel	
		Maps (1:25 000/1:50 000)	Ordnance Survey: Explorer map, Landranger map standard or weatherproof. Custom made maps centred on your expedition location. Visit DofEShopping.org/os
		Compass	Silva: Classic, Field, Ranger, Expedition 4 compass.
		Map cases	Silva: Carry Dry Map Cases – A4, M30 and Large.
		Camera (optional)	
		Tick remover (location-dependent – ask your Supervisor)	Lifesystems: Tick remover

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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.

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		Hydration pack	Vango: 2L Hydration pack
		Storm shelter	Vango: Storm shelter
		Stove multidisc (collander/lid/cutting board)	Trangia: Multidisc 25 series, Multidisc 27 series
		Pre-packed expedition food	Beyond The Beaten Track: Expedition food packs and ready meal pouches. Get advice at DofEShopping.org/food
		After-sun cream	
		Sunglasses	
		Insect repellent	Lifesystems: Expedition 50+ insect repellent, Expedition Natural 40+ insect repellent
		Stopwatch	
		Waterproofing (pre-expedition) and cleaning	Nikwax: Tech Wash Cleaner 100ml pouch/300ml bottle, TX.Direct Wash-in Reproofer 100ml pouch/300ml bottle, Footwear Cleaning Gel 125ml, Fabric & Leather Proof 125ml sponge on/spray on, Nubuck & Suede Proof 125ml sponge on/spray on, Tent & Gear Solarproof 500ml spray on
		String	
		Spare boot laces	
		Tin opener	
		Ball, playing cards etc.	
		Mosquito net	Lifesystems: Micronet Mosquito Nets
		Emergency lightsticks	Lifesystems: 15h Light sticks
		Water purifying tablets	Lifesystems: Chlorine Dioxide tablets
		Travel plug	Lifeventure: Travel adaptor
		Security pouch	Lifeventure: Body Wallet (waist, chest)

Expert kit advice

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Remember, equipment should be checked by your Expedition Supervisor for its suitability before the start of the expedition.

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