

Hike Away 2020!

- Want to support expeditions to help young people gain **Top Awards**?
- Looking to take your **Beavers** on a ramble or nature walk for their **My Adventure challenge**?
- Do your **Cubs** need to go on a hike to complete their **Our Adventure challenge**?
- Want to help your **Scouts** earn their **Hillwalker** badge or **Expedition Challenge**?
- Need to support your **Explorers** to do their **Chief Scout's Awards** or **DofE**?
- Network members wanting to climb mountains in the Alps?
- Or just want to support your section to get their first **Hikes Away** staged badge?

Gwent Scouts' Land Activities Scout Active Support Unit have just the event to support you!

Enjoy a social environment with other adults, whilst learning the basics and new skills for leading walks with groups, or get more advanced and do training towards a hillwalking permit. If you're ready, we've got someone on hand to assess you for a hillwalking permit.

15-16 February 2020, 1st Gilwern Scout HQ

Cost £20 for Gwent leaders, £25 for other Scouting volunteers (subsidy available for members of Gwent Land Activities SASU)

The course is non-residential and no catering is supplied, but the floor of the hall is available to stop over on a self-catering (ie pub/take-away) basis if you wish.

Please see session details below, and book online at <https://booking.gwentscouts.org.uk/>



Introductory workshops

Interpreting an OS map

If you've never used an OS map before, or need a little refresher, this session will look what's shown on a leisure map, and how to relate this to the world around you.

Equipment, packing and food

Looking at clothing and equipment you might need for a hike, including small stoves for cooking your lunch!

Navigating with an OS map

It's time to get outside and go for a short walk around the local area. Learning how to use the map to identify features and find your way around.

Route planning for group hikes

Learn how to prepare for a hike, choose objectives for a group, and plan your walk, including preparing a route card.

Walking with a group

Then spend a half day on Sunday walking the route you've planned, learning more about managing walking groups along the way.

Geocaching as a Scouting activity

Learn about how GPS and geocaching works, the different types of caches that are hidden. Then go out for a short local walk to hunt for some!

Hillwalking training

If you're already comfortable using an OS map to follow footpaths in open countryside with standard hiking equipment, and are reasonably fit, this option allows you to spend two days on the hills in the local area learning the skills you would need to obtain a "Terrain 1" hillwalking permit for the hills of South Wales in normal (ie non-winter) conditions.

Hillwalking assessment

Know your way around and ready for a permit? Join the assessment group and prove it, picking up tips from our experts along the way.

Next steps

For those who already got, or been assessed for, a permit, spend the day looking at any gaps in your knowledge and the next steps – T2, steep ground and/or winter skills - *=depending on the weather conditions on the weekend.

Timetable

Here's a rough outline of when the sessions will run over the weekend – don't forget there's lots of things going on during the weekend but you can only attend one thing at a time!

	Skills workshops		Training	Assessment
Saturday	Interpreting an OS map		T1 permit training part 1	T1/Brecon Beacons hillwalking permit assessment
	Equipment, packing and food			
	Navigating with an OS map			
Sunday	Planning a group walk		T1 permit training part 2	Next steps (Further permit assessment, gap evaluation, winter skills)*
	Walking with a group	Geocaching as a Scouting activity		