



# 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. The DofE charity receives a royalty from all sales of DofE Recommended Kit items from any shop, which helps to support our work with young people.

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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
		<b>1 pair of walking boots (broken in)</b>	Vango: Velan, Grivola and Cervino boots
		<b>2 pairs of walking socks</b>	Bridgedale: HIKE Midweight Merino Performance - men's & women's, HIKE Lightweight Merino Performance - men's & women's
		<b>2 pairs of sock liners (optional)</b>	Bridgedale: LINERS Base Layer Coolmax Liner - men's & women's
		<b>2-3 t-shirts</b>	Craghoppers: Fusion T-shirt
		<b>Thermal t-shirt (optional)</b>	
		<b>2 fleece tops or similar</b>	Craghoppers: Strata and Vector Hooded Jackets & Half Zip Tops
		<b>2 walking trousers (warm, NOT jeans)</b>	Craghoppers: Traverse Trousers
		<b>Underwear</b>	
		<b>Nightwear</b>	
		<b>Flipflops/trainers/sandals etc (optional for camp site use)</b>	
		<b>Warm hat &amp;/or sunhat (as appropriate)</b>	
		<b>1 pair gloves (if appropriate)</b>	
		<b>1 pair shorts (if appropriate)</b>	
		<b>Waterproof over-trousers</b>	Craghoppers: Ascent Overtrousers
		<b>Jacket/coat (waterproof &amp; windproof)</b>	Craghoppers: Waterproof Horizon and Apex Jackets
		<b>1 pair gaiters (optional)</b>	

## PERSONAL KIT

Got it	Packed it	Item needed	Specific tested items we recommend
		<b>Rucksack</b>	Vango: Contour, Sherpa, Pinnacle rucksacks
		<b>Rucksack liner (or 2 strong plastic bags)</b>	Lifeventure: Dry Bags (2/5/10/15/25/35/55/75 litres) and Compression Sacks (5/10/15L)
		<b>Sleeping bag</b>	Vango: Nitestar, Latitude, Venom and Ultralite Pro sleeping bags
		<b>Sleeping mat</b>	Vango: Single Trek mats
		<b>Waterproof bag</b>	Lifeventure: Dry Bags
		<b>Sleeping bag liner (optional)</b>	Lifeventure: Cotton sleeping bag liners

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		<b>Whistle</b>	Lifesystems: Safety whistle, Echo whistle, Hurricane whistle.
		<b>Torch</b> (handheld or head torch and spare batteries)	Lifesystems: Intensity 230 head torch, Intensity 155 head torch
		<b>Personal first aid kit</b>	Lifesystems: Camping first aid kit, Trek first aid kit, Blister first aid kit, Waterproof first aid kit. Visit <a href="http://DofE.org/shopping/safety">DofE.org/shopping/safety</a> for info
		<b>Expedition food</b> (including emergency rations)	Wayfayrer expedition food packs. Get advice at <a href="http://DofE.org/shopping/food">DofE.org/shopping/food</a>
		<b>Water bottle</b>	Lifeventure: Tritan Flask (1000ml), Tritan Bottle (650ml)
		<b>Cutlery</b>	Lifeventure: Basic knife, fork and spoon set; Ellipse knife, fork and spoon set; Titanium knife, fork and spoon set
		<b>Plate/bowl</b>	Lifeventure: Stainless steel camping bowl, camping plate, Titanium plate, Ellipse plate, Ellipse bowl, Ellipse Flexi bowl
		<b>Mug</b>	Lifeventure: Stainless steel camping mug, Titanium mug, Ellipse mug
		<b>Box of matches</b> (in waterproof container)	Lifesystems: Windproof matches
		<b>Wash kit/personal hygiene items</b> (some items could be shared as a group)	Lifeventure: Wash bag (small), All-purpose soap, Dry wash gel
		<b>Sunblock</b> (if appropriate)	Lifesystems: Mountain Formula SPF50, Mountain Combi Stick SPF50
		<b>Towel</b>	Lifeventure: Soft Fibre Lite towel (large 120g, x-large 146g, giant 203g)
		<b>Small quantity of money</b> (optional)	
		<b>Notebook and pen/pencil</b>	
		<b>Watch</b>	

### GROUP KIT (to carry between the team)

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		<b>Tent(s)</b>	<b>Vango Trek Pro range:</b> Banshee, Zenith, Pulsar, Halo, Omega, Tempest, Mirage and Meteor <b>Vango Experience range:</b> Nova, Scaffell, Helvellyn, and Nevis
		<b>Camping stove(s)</b>	Trangia: 25 & 27 series, Gas burner, Liquid fuel burner. Vango: Folding gas stoves.
		<b>Camping stove fuel in an appropriate and safe container</b>	Trangia: Fuel bottle 0.3L, 0.5L, 1.0L
		<b>Cooking pans</b>	Included with Trangia stoves
		<b>Scourers</b>	
		<b>Tea towels</b>	
		<b>Food</b> (lightweight and including snacks)	Get advice at <a href="http://DofE.org/shopping/food">DofE.org/shopping/food</a>
		<b>Plastic bags</b> (for rubbish etc.)	
		<b>Toilet paper and trowel</b>	
		<b>Maps</b> (1:25 000/1:50 000)	Ordnance Survey: Explorer map, Landranger map standard or weatherproof. Custom made maps centred on your expedition location. Visit <a href="http://DofE.org/shopping/os">DofE.org/shopping/os</a>
		<b>Compass</b>	Silva: Classic, Field, Ranger, Expedition 4 compass
		<b>Map cases</b>	Silva M30 Carry Dry Map Case
		<b>Camera</b> (optional)	
		<b>Tick remover</b> (location-dependent – ask your Supervisor)	
		<b>Survival bag</b>	Lifesystems: Heatshield bag, Survival bag, Thermal bag, Thermal blanket

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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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		<b>Head/Neck Scarf</b>	Buff – The Original Multifunctional Headwear
		<b>Hydration pack</b>	Vango: 2L Hydration pack
		<b>Storm shelter</b>	Vango: Storm shelter
		<b>Stove multidisc</b> (collander/lid/cutting board)	Trangia: Multidisc 25 series, Multidisc 27 series
		<b>Pre-packed expedition food</b>	Wayfayrer expedition food packs. Get advice at <a href="https://www.dofe.org/shopping/food">DofE.org/shopping/food</a>
		<b>Small pocket tool</b>	
		<b>After-sun cream</b>	
		<b>Sunglasses</b>	
		<b>Insect repellent</b>	Lifesystems: Expedition 50+ insect repellent, Expedition Natural 40+ insect repellent
		<b>Stopwatch</b>	
		<b>Waterproofing</b> (pre-expedition)	Nikwax: Tech Wash Cleaner 100ml pouch/300ml bottle, TX.Direct and cleaning, 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.
		<b>String</b>	
		<b>Spare boot laces</b>	
		<b>Tin opener</b>	
		<b>Ball, playing cards etc.</b>	
		<b>Mosquito net</b>	Lifesystems: Micronet Mosquito Nets
		<b>Emergency lightsticks</b>	Lifesystems: 15h Light sticks
		<b>Water purifying tablets</b>	Lifesystems: Chlorine Dioxide tablets

### 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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