



Geocaching, Orienteering and Photo trail Activity Instructions for leaders.

1. Supervising adults should be aware of the Risk Assessment and action the control measures appropriately.
2. Participants should take part in this activity in groups of no less than 3.
3. Please count equipment out and return it back at the end of the activity in the same condition as you found it. Check and re-enforce that groups know what they are searching for - caches are marked with the geocaching symbol at the top of this page along with a picture of an orienteering flag.
4. Assess weather conditions and advise group on **back to base signal** for emergencies.
5. Ensure sensible shoes and appropriate clothing including long trousers and long sleeves particularly if tackling caches/orienteering points 6-10.
6. Discourage running and highlight **hazards** such as sharp inclines, tripping hazards and reduce speed further at night. Watch out for low branches in wooded areas and the danger of branches/nettles pinging back or poking in the eye.
7. Brief group on **boundaries**. The course does not leave Dudsbury's land between the golf course on the western edge, the land beyond the fencing on the eastern edge behind the Nadine hut, the river on the southern edge and the cottage/main road at the bottom of the drive. Caches 1 - 5 can use the edge of the car park as a western edge boundary. Ensure groups tackling 6 - 10 **do not access the main road or approach the river which can be fast flowing**.
8. If possible lock the bottom gates if groups are tackling 6 - 10 so there is no risk of vehicle collisions.
9. Groups must not climb trees, fences or gates and should follow the countryside code.
10. Advise groups to keep their eyes and ears open for interesting wildlife but not to pick flowers, eat berries/toadstools etc and ensure that they wash their hands after the activity. (There are wash hand basins behind the house).
11. There is a public footpath used by dog walkers. Advise if you are approached by a dog to stand quietly with arms down at your side. The more noise you make the more excited the dog will get.
12. Have fun and ensure that groups realise the importance of returning stamps/caches etc back exactly as they find each one so that each group can enjoy the activity.

