

# Silver DofE Bushcraft Expedition 2022

In 2022 we are offering a Silver DofE expedition with a difference! Our Bushcraft expedition is a unique opportunity that was initially available as part of the COVID amendments & something that many other participants will not have the chance to do. Please do not think that this is an “easy option” or not a “proper expedition”, this is an expedition that will challenge you in new ways. Yes, there will be less walking, but there is still a lot of physical activity & challenges relating to the environment you will be in.

## Dates:

Training & Practice Expedition: 9-11 April (Leicestershire Easter holidays)

Qualifying expedition: 27-29 Aug (August Bank Holiday)

During the training, you will learn how to safely use bushcraft equipment such as knives, axes, and saws, how to light fires using various methods and some nature observation that will help you during your qualifying expedition. You will practice these skills during your practice expedition then for your qualifying expedition you & your team will set up camp and live-in shelters you have erected, sleep in hammocks and live closely with nature for the three day expedition period. You will also have the opportunity to earn your Ranger Bushcraft badge.

## Location:

- All of the expedition training, practice & qualifying will be based in Leicestershire.

## Dates:

- Sun 27 February (time tbc, 5:30/6pm) on **Zoom**. Silver DofE Training Session #1
- Sat 9 – Mon 11 April (Leicestershire Easter holidays): A Bushcraft Training Day followed by a two-day practice expedition
- Sat 27 – Mon 29 August (August Bank Holiday weekend): Silver Qualifying Expedition. You will spend at least one night sleeping in a hammock.

## First Aid:

- If you have not completed a 1 day First Response or equivalent First Aid course (for your Bronze DofE) you will need to complete a First aid course prior to your Silver expedition
- A DofE First Aid Course is scheduled on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February (venue tbc)

## Cost:

- The cost for the bushcraft expedition (including training, practice & qualifying expedition) will be **£75**. If you have not already done so, you will also need to pay the Silver DofE registration fee of £25.
- A deposit of £25 is due as soon as possible to reserve your place. A further payment of £25 will be due by the end of March 2022, and the final payment of £25 by the end of May 2022.

The cost includes all training, the campsite fees, supervisor & assessor costs, a very special limited-edition badge, use of the specialist Bushcraft equipment/DofE equipment, activity materials and some food during the practice expedition. You will arrange food for your qualifying expedition within your team.

