



# VIRTUAL OVERLAND HIKE 2021

## WHAT IS IT?

The virtual Overland Hike is a 1 day activity for teams of Scouts and Explorer Scouts on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from 9.30 – 17.00

## WHERE IS IT?

You will need to be based in your HQ or other suitably approved location.

## WHO CAN ENTER?:

Any Scout or Explorer Scout may take part in this event. There are no age restrictions as would be the case with The Overland Hike. The minimum team size is 4 and the maximum team size is 7. Teams may be made up of Scouts, Explorer Scouts or a mixture of both,

## CHECKPOINTS:

During the event teams will complete a series of 'Overland Hike' style checkpoint challenges. These challenges will be a mixture of scouting skills and fun tasks. This will include teams cooking their lunch as one of the challenges. The challenges will be designed for a team of 4 participants however up to 7 may be involved.

The checkpoint challenges will be released electronically at regular intervals during the day. Each checkpoint will include a set of instructions and details of how to send in the evidence of having completed the challenge. Teams will need to ensure they have internet access including sending photos during the day.

## TEAM INFORMATION:

Teams will also complete a 'virtual' route card for the virtual Overland Hike. Teams will be supplied with grid references along with their checkpoint challenges. They will need to plan a route between each grid reference and record their planned route on a route card. The completed route card will need to be submitted.

Teams will be sent a list of equipment required for the checkpoints 2 weeks prior to the event. Teams will be responsible for the costs of their own checkpoint materials. There is no fee for taking part in the Virtual Overland Hike.

Teams will be awarded Electronic certificates based on successfully completing the challenges. Overland Hike trophies will not be awarded in 2021.

## LEADER INFORMATION:

Leaders are responsible for ensuring that appropriate risk assessments are completed, including a COVID risk assessment, in line with Scout Association policy. Leaders must pay

particular attention to permissible group sizes. Please check the latest Scout Association guidance.

Leaders must ensure an appropriate 'In Touch' system is in place for the day.

It is the intention of the organisers to share photos of the event. Leaders are responsible for ensuring that they do not submit a photo of a young person whose image cannot be shared.

There will be an online closing ceremony at 17.00 on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 which all participants are invited to join.

Entry to the Virtual Overland Hike will be made using the accompanying Entry Form by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021. There will be no fee for taking part in the Virtual Overland Hike

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