

SCOUTS & EXPLORERS

Gradbach Farm – Peak District Adventure

Everything you need to know before we hit the road.

DATES
Sunday 25th – Tuesday 27th
October 2026

COST
£130
Per young
person

MEETING POINT
The Venue Car Park
Elstree Way, Borehamwood

MEET READY TO LEAVE AT

8:00AM

Sunday 25th October

IMPORTANT • CLOCK CHANGE

The clocks go back that morning.

The clocks change overnight before we leave. Please double-check your clocks and be at The Venue Car Park ready to leave at 8:00am.

01 Ready for departure

We'll be travelling **straight to our cycling/walking activity**, so everyone needs to arrive dressed and ready to get stuck into the adventure.

Scouts and Explorers need to keep their **small rucksack with them in the minibus/car**. Your main holdall will travel in the trailer and won't be accessible until the evening.

ARRIVE ADVENTURE READY

Come dressed for walking & cycling.

Wear suitable trousers and footwear. Your uniform shirt and neckerchief should be worn over a T-shirt so you can change easily when we arrive.

02 The adventure plan

SUNDAY ○ **Borehamwood → Peak District**

Travel to the Peak District with a stop at motorway services, followed by cycling and walking on a footpath/cycle track.

MONDAY ○ **Alton Towers**

Scouts will be given some independence to explore the park in small groups. They won't have a Leader with their group at all times, but Leaders will be located around the park and will be contactable throughout. Scouts will be briefed on boundaries, meeting points and what to do if they need help, with an emergency contact plan in place.

TUESDAY ○ **Peak District Walk**

Out into the Peak District for our walk, including the Stepping Stones.

TUESDAY ○ **Homeward bound**
PM

Travel back to Borehamwood. Expected arrival at The Venue Car Park is **7:00pm–8:00pm**, depending on traffic.

03 Spending money

**SUGGESTED
MAX
£30**

That's plenty for the trip.

For motorway services, Alton Towers and a café during the walk.

Young people buy their own lunch at Alton Towers.

Leaders can look after money in a named envelope.

04 Medication

IMPORTANT

Declare medication when booking

On arrival, a Leader will ask you to complete paperwork and hand over medicines in an envelope or bag clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please tell us before departure about any new medical information that wasn't provided when booking.

05 Packing checklist

Your small rucksack stays with you. Your main holdall goes into the trailer until the evening.

PUT IT ON

Wear for the journey

- ☐ Uniform top & neckerchief
- ☐ Trousers suitable for walking/cycling (not jeans or tracksuits)

INTO THE TRAILER

Holdall — Clothing

- ☐ Pyjamas
- ☐ Indoor shoes / trainers
- ☐ Warm sweater / fleece
- ☐ Spare trousers (not jeans/tracksuits)
- ☐ Socks / underclothes
- ☐ T-shirts or similar
- ☐ Extra changes of clothes

KEEP THIS WITH YOU

Small rucksack / day bag

- ☐ Personal First Aid Kit
- ☐ Small water bottle
- ☐ Packed lunch
- ☐ Waterproof / windproof outer garment with hood
- ☐ Warm hat and gloves
- ☐ Fleece

INTO THE TRAILER

Holdall — Equipment

- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Small pillow (optional)
- ☐ Wash kit & towel
- ☐ Walking boots
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Torch
- ☐ Hankies
- ☐ Polythene bags for clean / dirty items

Warm + dry = happy

Scouts.

Pack warm, weather/windproof clothing, including a hat and gloves.

Layer up

Several layers are better than one thick layer.

Expect mud

Pack clothes that can get wet and muddy.

Travel light

Avoid large suitcases. Plates and cutlery are provided.

06 Before we go

Label everything

Label equipment with your child's name and avoid expensive items.

Mobile phones

Phones may be used travelling and at Alton Towers. Scout phones may be locked away overnight and confiscated if there are issues.

Signal & charging

Charging is limited and mobile signal may be patchy or unavailable.

Outstanding balances: invoices will be sent by email for any outstanding balance.

07 Keeping in touch

PARENTS • TRIP UPDATES

Join the Parents' WhatsApp Group

Join before the trip for useful updates and messages while we're away.



MAIN CONTACT

Paul Norman

Call Paul in the run-up to the trip or during the event with any questions or concerns.

WHERE WE'RE STAYING

Gradbach Scout Camp

Old Hall Farm, Gradbach
Quarnford, Staffordshire
SK17 0SU

EMERGENCY

BACKUP CONTACT

Can't reach Paul?

If there is an emergency during the event and you cannot reach Paul, please contact Moley.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

EMERGENCIES ONLY

Patchy signal: if Paul doesn't answer, leave a message. Only contact Moley for an emergency during the event if you cannot reach Paul.