2025 Kit List
For Participants & Adults, Teams and Catching Teams

All items below are compulsory. No individual will be allowed to start if one item is missing. This kit list applies to every walking participant, leader, and catcher team.

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL KIT
Waterproof Jacket with Hood
Waterproof Over Trousers
Warm Clothing
Hiking Trousers/Leggings/Joggers (shorts nor jeans not permitted)
Hiking Boots with Ankle Support (walking shoes, trainers nor wellingtons not permitted)
Hiking Socks
Hat & Gloves
Scout/Explorer Neckerchief (including all participating leaders, parents, helper and catching teams)
Rucksack large enough to carry all items on this list
Food & Water to the whole day
First Aid Kit incl. plaster & blister protection and Hand Sanitiser
Torch (If LED need spare batteries, if USB need external battery pack OR spare torch)
Hi-Vis Vest or Jacket
2nd Hi-Vis Vest/Jacket or complete Hi-Vis Rucksack Cover
Whistle
Pencil & paper/pad
Mug (hot and cold drinks available at morning kit check and lunch time)
ESSENTIAL TEAM KIT
Compass – two per team
Survival Bag – one per team
Thermos Flask with hot drink
Map Case
Field Rules (will be circulated prior to event for you to print copy)
At least 2 fully charged mobile phones with OS Maps App & Operation Chameleon App installed
External battery pack with relevant leads to suit mobile phones / USB torches

It is the team's responsibility to ensure that the weight of each team members rucksack is not too much for them to carry……remember its along day!

YOUR GUIDE TO HAVING THE CORRECT KIT FOR OPERATION CHAMELEON 2024

To ensure everyones safety, we have to insist on the right kit. If it's not suitable or if you have forgotten to bring an item, you will not be allowed to continue on the event and arrangements made for you to return home.

PLAN AHEAD. Please don't leave it to the last minute to check if your boots still fit, or if you can find that whistle! Check all your kit is in good working order. Be Prepared!

Remember you can get a discount from most outdoor clothing shops: take along your scout neckerchief (for leaders/DBS adults show an email with you membership number) you should be able to get a discount from the following outdoor shops: Mountain Warehouse, Cotswolds Outdoors, Go Outdoors, Blacks, Millets.

If you are struggling with any kit please talk to your leaders well in advance, as they may have spare or donated items which they can loan you.

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL KIT

Waterproof Jacket with Hood



Lightweight waterproof raincoat/Cagoule



Waterproof Jacket with hood



Must be 100% waterproof. Not all downs are waterproof!

Waterproof Over Trousers



Even if you are wearing waterproof walking trousers, you still need Waterproof Over Trousers

REMEMBER TO PACK WATERPROOFS AT THE TOP OF YOUR RUCKSACK

Warm Clothing



Walking Base Layer or Thermal



Fleece or similar

Layers are always best. It can be warm whilst walking, but you will be standing around for a good while at the start and end of the day, plus you may be hiding for periods of time during the day.

Hiking Trousers / Leggings / Joggers



Walking / Hiking / Cargo / Combat trousers



Leggings / Walking Pants



Joggers / Sweatpants

NO JEANS
If they get wet, they become heavy, cold & uncomfortable for the rest of the day.

NO SHORTS
Not suitable for this type of event

Hiking Boots with ankle support



Leather/ PU nubuck Boot / Waterproof Suede leather / Soft Shell / Gore-Tex (or similar)

Must have ankle support



This type does not give ankle support that is required for this event



Wellington Boots **not** acceptable for hiking



Trainers are **not** acceptable for hiking

Hiking Socks

You must be wearing a good pair of hiking socks. These will make all the difference between an enjoyable hike and an uncomfortable one. Unlike a regular cotton sock, hiking socks will keep your feet dry, less sweaty, and cushioned, which in turn stops painful blisters from forming as your boot rubs against the back of your foot while you walk.

Thin liner socks can also be worn under a thicker pair of socks. The main function of a liner sock is to prevent blisters by wicking away moisture that causes friction and to 'pad out' boots so they do not move up and down.

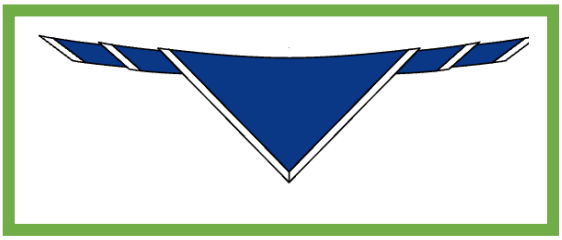
It's not part of the kit list, but it is a good idea to have a spare pair of socks in your rucksack, just in case!

Hat & Gloves





Scout/Explorer Neckerchief (includes all participating leaders, parents, helpers and catching teams)



Every participant needs to wear a neckerchief from start to finish of the event, including catchers



Rucksack large enough to carry all items on this list





Ideal size is 25L – 40L rucksack. Helpful features are a waist belt to keep your load centred, chest straps and padding along the back for added comfort.



Pull String bags are **not** suitable for this event

Food & Water for the entire day



It is a long day - from 7.30am til 9pm. There will be a hot dog or similar halfway through the day. You need to bring enough food and snack with you for the full day – all packed into your rucksack

The ideal snacks include mix of nuts and seeds, dried fruit, chocolate chunks. Especially almonds, pumpkin seeds, chia seeds, walnuts, and cashews. Granola bars, fruit, fruit salad in a pot, and canned fish.

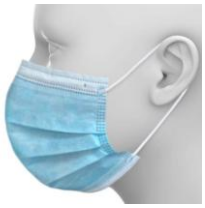
First Aid Kit including plasters & Blister protection

Keep your first-aid kit light and compact. It only needs to be basic as on this event help will not be too far away. Antiseptic wipes to clean a wound, a few assorted sizes of plaster. Moleskin for blisters or blister plasters.

Hand Sanitiser







Not part of the kit list, but please feel free to bring a face mask especially for when sitting on the coach

Torch + spare (If LED need spare batteries, if USB need external battery pack. Or just bring a spare torch)







Hi-Vis Vest/Jacket with reflective trim AND 2nd Hi-Vis Vest or complete Hi-Vis Rucksack Cover with reflective trim









Hi-Vis Strips on their own are not acceptable for this event

Whistle





Pencil and Paper/Pad





Put in a plastic bag to keep nice and dry!

Mug (hot & cold drinks available at morning check & lunch time)



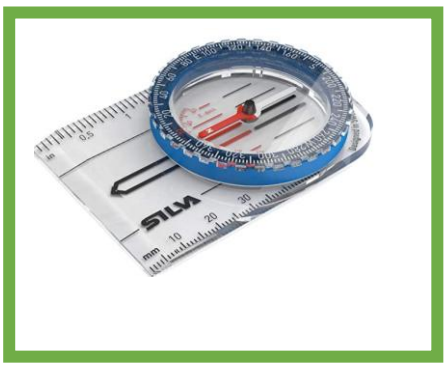




ESSENTIAL TEAM KIT

Compass – two per team





Survival Bag – one per team





Thermos flask with hot drink – one per team





Map Case – one per team plus a copy of the Field Rules



At least two fully charged mobile phones per team, plus External battery pack with relevant leads to suit mobile phones/torches.

To have **OS Maps App** preloaded onto mobiles. You can download the basic version for free and use OS Locate to give Mission Control (phone number on wristband) grid reference should you need help or need minibus to collect you.

To have **Operation Chameleon App** preloaded onto mobiles.
New for 2025 – needed on day to record waypoints and catches for catcher teams AND Scout & Explorer Teams

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.apeirondigital.ssc.chameleon

Apple: https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/operation-chameleon/id6737322414

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