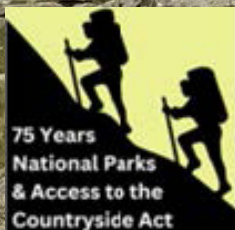


10-12 May 2024

TEN TORS 2024

THIS IS YOUR GUIDE
TO THE EVENT



FOREWORD

**EVENT DIRECTOR
COLONEL MATT PALMER**

The highlight of my recent appointment as Commander South West is the honour of being Director Ten Tors. I have spent my first few months looking on in awe at the inspirational commitment and expertise involved in pulling the event together for a 62nd year. Unsurprisingly, participation is looking impressive across all three challenges, so the team is hugely excited by the prospect of welcoming swathes of courageous young participants from the South West.

As an additional positive, Ten Tors 2024 coincides with the 75th Anniversary of The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949; celebration of this milestone is the theme of this year's Event. Reflecting on this and the millions of annual visitors to Dartmoor National Park, I have become deeply conscious of the part we must play in maintaining and championing the rich beauty of the Moor. I therefore want to take this opportunity to thank all participants and visitors for their cooperation in ensuring we leave Dartmoor in the condition in which we find it in true keeping with the spirit of the Act.

Whilst this is an Army organised event, it would not be possible without the enduring support of landowners, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Duchy of Cornwall, our sister Services, partner agencies and numerous volunteers and charities; we are extremely grateful. We are also indebted to the many establishment staff who have inspired, trained and selected the several thousand participants. Furthermore, I would like to extend an enormous thank you, on behalf of all those involved, to Lt Col (Retired) Tony Clark. Tony retires from his role as Director Ten Tors' Advisor this year, having applied



his exceptional knowledge and expertise for 31 years; Ten Tors would not be what it is today without his remarkable contribution. There is a silver lining as Tony is keen to remain involved as the Event's archivist.

Finally, it's a pleasure to welcome Ray Mears, our much loved survival expert, presenter and author, as our guest to start this year's Event. I have no doubt that Ray's championed resilience and passion for the outdoors will resonate with the Team Managers and participants.

So, good luck to all involved in this inspirational event. I hope it's another wonderful weekend.

Matt Palmer

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VIP GUEST

RAY MEARS - BUSHCRAFT AND SURVIVAL EXPERT

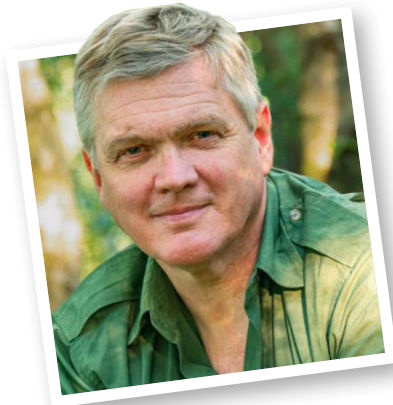
Over the past two decades the name Ray Mears has become recognised throughout the world as an authority on the subject of Bushcraft and Survival. He has also become a household name through his various television series, including Tracks World of Survival Trips Money Can't Buy with Ewan McGregor The Real Heroes of Telemark and many more.

These programmes have reached out and touched the hearts of everyone, from small children to grandparents. They are enjoyed by many because of Ray's down to earth approach, his obvious love for his subject and the empathy and respect he shows for indigenous peoples and their cultures.

It is obvious to some, and a surprise to others to discover that Ray has spent his life learning these skills and is truly a master of the subject he calls Wilderness Bushcraft

Ray founded Woodlore, the School of Wilderness Bushcraft in 1983 and has been teaching ever since, as he puts it, "to enable others to drink at the well of Bushcraft".

Ray teaches but doesn't preach. He encourages people to open their eyes and see for themselves, to enjoy their own personal sense of wonder and discovery. He is merely a guide, passing on his knowledge.



Ray is perhaps the foremost expert in his field certainly the most well travelled; yet people are often surprised to see him rolling up his sleeves and getting stuck in with those that are enjoying Bushcraft for the first time. Nothing pleases him more than to see a student reaching beyond their own expectation of themselves, challenging their own beliefs about the world around them as they see it anew through the eyes of Bushcraft, what Ray calls "The art of the possible."

TEN TORS 2024 THEME

75 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL PARKS AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Dartmoor has the power to inspire and enrich lives. This special place is as important today as it has ever been. The restorative nature of the great outdoors can benefit both mental and physical wellbeing and deepen peoples' connections with the natural environment.

This year we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the legislation that led to the designation of National Parks in England and Wales. The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 responded to an appeal for legislation to protect our finest landscapes and provide people with opportunities to access and enjoy the countryside. Introducing the National Parks Bill, the Minister Lewis Silkin told Parliament that "This is not just a Bill. It is a people's charter for the open air, for the hikers and the ramblers, for everyone who loves to get out into the open air and enjoy the countryside". We all owe a debt of gratitude to the vision of

those who campaigned for National Parks, which have become invaluable assets that we treasure today.

As we reflect on the milestones that have passed, we must also look forward to continuing to conserve and enhance Dartmoor National Park's natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage. As the next generation tread in the footprints of those who have gone before, we welcome these future custodians of Dartmoor, and wish them all the best of luck!

Money raised helps us to look after Dartmoor, so that this stunning landscape can continue to be accessed and loved for years to come. To find out more about Donate for Dartmoor and to support our projects, **please scan the QR code.**



DNPA DONATE TO DARTMOOR

Thanks to the generous donations from participants and establishments taking part in past Ten Tors events, in December 2023 Dartmoor National Park Authority were able to make good the decking and rail supports on the Standon Steps bridge, a key crossing point of the River Tavy for the military and Ten Tors teams. The works completed secured use of the bridge for teams training for Ten Tors 2024.

The bridge will require further attention later this year to secure safe usage in the future. Dartmoor National Park Authority are currently seeking ways to fund these improvements, and will again look to Donate for Dartmoor contributions, which would see work completed on the beams, piers and abutments.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- **INTRODUCTION.** Welcome to Ten Tors 2024 and Okehampton Camp. The Ten Tors organisers endeavour to make Okehampton Camp as safe as possible. Please help us to achieve this by treating the camp and training area with care and have due consideration for others as well as yourselves.
- **ROAD SAFETY.** Drivers are to follow the one way circuit and comply with the speed limit of 15 mph. Please obey instructions given by parking marshals.
- **PARKING.** Please ensure you park your vehicle in the correct car park.
- **FIRE.** In the event of a fire, please take the following action:
 1. Muster Area. On the main square.
 2. Action on outbreak of fire:
 - a. Raise the alarm by shouting FIRE, FIRE, FIRE
 - b. Attempt to restrict the fire to immediate area if safe to do so.
 - c. Call 999 and 01837 657186 and muster at your designated area.
- **FIRE PREVENTION.** To help prevent the outbreak of fire, smoking is not permitted in any building or tent.
- **HELICOPTERS.** Helicopters will be operating in and out of the field between Okehampton Camp and Anthony Stile (TTC start/finish). **This field is out of bounds to visitors for safety reasons at all times.** When landing or taking off, helicopters create considerable downwash and noise. Please be aware of this to avoid any possible accident or injury.
- **WASTE AND LITTER.** There will be general waste bins placed throughout Okehampton Camp. All the recycling waste will be removed by the waste company in their depot. You are asked to pick up any litter you might see and dispose of it correctly. Every little helps!
- **TOILETS.** Portaloos are distributed across Okehampton Camp. Toilets can also be found in the TriBar.
- **DOGS.** Dogs are permitted in the publicly accessible areas of Camp and on the Moor, but not in the campsites. Please keep your dog on a lead as per the Visiting Dartmoor with your Dog guidance and clear up any dog mess and place it in waste skips. Dogs are not permitted to stay overnight in cars or in the camp site.
- **DRONES.** The unauthorised use of drones is forbidden inside Dartmoor National Park, particularly during Ten Tors when they may cause a serious hazard to aircraft.
- **TRAFFIC.** Please expect traffic delays in and around the Camp and local area, which is to be expected given the number of vehicles in such a small location. Your patience is appreciated.

If you have any concerns or queries, please alert one of our stewards who are identifiable by their yellow fluorescent tabards.

TEN TORS CHALLENGE

The Ten Tors Challenge is open to 400 teams, each consisting of 6 young people. Teams spend 2 days on the moor attempting routes of 35, 45 or 55 miles, depending on their ages. Teams are allocated one of 32 routes which they must then follow: routes only specify which staffed locations must be visited and in what order. It is up to teams to identify and navigate their own ways between them. Service personnel run the 27 staffed locations which may be either Check Points or Safety Controls. The former are lightly staffed whilst the latter are larger, include medical facilities, and are sited to enable easy vehicle access in the event of emergency. In addition, all teams carry a satellite tracker which allows them to summon assistance in case of emergency. Teams start at 0700hrs on Saturday and can go no further than their 8th Tor on the 1st day. Teams on a 35 mile route must then camp at a staffed location, whilst those on 45 or 55 mile routes choose their own overnight sites. On Sunday, teams will not be checked in or out of a staffed location before 0600 hrs, and must then make their way back to the finish by 1700 hrs.

35 mile route 14-15 years

45 mile route 16-17 years

55 mile route 18-19 years

JUBILEE CHALLENGE

The Jubilee Challenge is a one day expedition on Northern Dartmoor designed for young people with a range of physical, neurological or educational challenges. Up to 400 participants enter the Challenge each year, either as individuals or teams. There are 4 different routes available, and Team Managers choose which one is best suited to an individual's specific capabilities, age and experience. The Challenge is primarily run by the members of Exeter University Officer Training Corps (Army Reservists who are members of either Exeter or Plymouth Universities) who staff checkpoints and escort participants. The Jubilee Challenge begins on Saturday at 0730hrs at a start point near the Okehampton Moorgate. The course closes at 1700hrs that afternoon.

Route 1 - 7.5 miles
(rough going metalled roads
suitable for wheelchairs)

Route 2 - 8.5 mile (cross
country route)

Route 3 - 12.5 miles
(cross country route)

Route 4 - 15 miles (cross
country route)

JUBILEE CHALLENGE PLUS

The Jubilee Challenge Plus is aimed at young adults with SEND¹ (i.e. SEMH, ASD, SpLD, etc.) who are capable of an overnight stay, but may find the Ten Tors Challenge too inaccessible due to their respective SEND. It provides an appropriately arduous Challenge across difficult terrain and in very changeable weather over at least 18kms, including an overnight camp.

1 Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASM), Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD).

Single Route

18 miles with overnight camp



TEN TORS CHALLENGE TEAMS

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
1387 (Liskeard) Sqn ATC	1		
197 (Devonport) Sqn ATC			1
2309 (City of Plymouth)Sqn ATC		2	
2377 (Plympton) Sqn ATC	1		
2381 (Ilminster) Sqn ATC	1		
28th Kingswood Scout Group		1	
299 (Exmouth) Sqn ATC	1		
2nd Nailsea Scouts	1		
2nd Polish Scout Troop	1		
41F (Taunton) Sqn RAFAC	2	1	1
781 (Newquay) Sqn RAFAC	1		
874 Sherborne Sqn RAFAC	2	1	1
Ashton Park School	2		
Aude Sapere Expedition Society	1		1
Axe District Scouts	1	1	1
Barracuda Explorer Scouts	2	1	
Bedminster Down School	1		
Beechen Cliff School	1	1	2
Bideford College	2		1
Bishop Wordsworth School	2		
Blackdown Hikers	2		
Blackdown Scout District	1	1	1
Blaise High School	2		
Blue School Wells	2	1	
Blundells School CCF	2	2	
Bodmin College	2		
Bovey Tracey Scouts	1	1	
Brabazon Explorer Scouts	1	1	1
Bristol & Gloucester ATC	1	1	1
Bristol Grammar School	2	1	
Bristol Scouts	1		1
Britannia Explorer Unit	1	1	
Bryanston School	1	1	
Budmouth Academy CCF	2	2	
Cabot Scouts	2		
Callywith College		2	
Camborne Science & Int Academy	1	1	
Canford CCF	2	2	
Chew Valley School	2	1	
Chulmleigh Community College	3		
Churcher's College	2	1	

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Clifton College	1	1	
Clyst Vale Community College	2	1	1
Collegiate	2	2	
Colyton Grammar School	3	2	
Cornwall Army Cadet Force	1	1	
Cots Edge Explorer Scouts	1	1	
Cotswold Edge Scouts - Zeus	1		
Cullompton Community College	1		
Culm Valley Walkers	2		1
Dartmoor Plodders	2	1	
Dawlish Scouts	1	1	
Dean CClose School		1	
Deg Karn Explorers Carrick	1		1
Devon ACF	1		
Devonport High School for Boys	2	1	1
Devonport High School for Girls	2		1
Downend District Scouts	1		
Downside School CCF	2		
East Devon Explorer Scouts	1	1	1
Erme and Yealm Valley HWC		1	
Exeter & District Scouts	1	1	
Exeter College		2	2
Exeter Explorer Sea Scouts	1		
Exeter School	2	1	1
Exmouth Community College	3		
Five Acres High School	1		
Fowey River Academy	2	1	
Gloucester Academy	1		
Gloucestershire ACF	1	1	
Godolphin CCF	3	3	
Gordano District Scouts	1	1	1
Gordano Horizon Explorers	1		
Gordon's School CCF	1		
Greenshaw Learning Trust	1	1	
Gryphon School, The	3	1	1
Haldon Hillwalkers	2		
Hele's School CCF	1	1	
Henley Bank High School	1		
Holmleigh Park High School	1		
Honiton Community College	1		
Horizons Youth Centre	2		1

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Ilfracombe Academy, The	1		
Ipplepen Scouts	1	1	
Isca Academy	2	3	
Ivybridge Community College	2		
John of Gaunt School, The	2	1	1
Kilkenny Explorer Scouts	1		
King Edward VI, Totnes	2	1	
King Edward's School, Bath	1	1	
King's Bruton CCF	2		
King's College Taunton CCF	2	1	1
King's School, The	2		
Kingsbridge Community College	2	1	
Kingsley School Bideford	2		
Kingswood Explorer Scouts	1		
Kingswood School	2	2	
Launceston College	1	2	
Leweston School Sherborne		1	
Long Ashton Scouts	1		
Maynard School, The	3	1	
Menheniot Explorer Scouts	1		
Mid Devon Explorer Scouts		1	
Mid Devon Youth	1		
Millfield School	2	1	
Moor Fitness	1	2	
Mount Kelly	2	1	1
National Trust Dartmoor, The	1		1
Newton Abbot College	1		
North Dartmoor Explorer Scouts	1		
Norton Hill School	2	2	
Oak Academy	1		
Okehampton College	2	2	1
Okement Ramblers	2		
Park Community School, The	2		
Penair School CCF	1		
Penrice Academy	3		
Penryn College	2		
Perthyans	1		
Plymouth College	2		
Plymouth Explorer Scouts	2		
Polar Explorer Scouts	1		
QE	2	1	1

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
QEH Bristol	2	3	2
Queen's College Taunton	3		1
Radstock Youth	2	1	
Redruth School CCF (A)	1		
Royal High School Bath	1		
Salthouse Explorer Scouts	1		
Saunton Surf Lifesaving Club	1		
Sea Cadet Corps SouthWestArea	2		
Sea Moor Explore	1	1	1
Sexey's School	1	1	
Shebbear College	2	2	
Sheldon School	2	1	
Sherborne Girls	2		
Sherborne School CCF	2	1	
Sidmouth College	2		1
Somerset Army Cadets	2	1	
Somerset Scouts	2	1	
Somervale School	2		
South Dartmoor CC	2	1	1
Spaniorum Explorer Scouts	1		
St Bartholomew's School CCF	1	1	
St Ives School	1		
St James School	2	1	
St Joseph's School	1		
St Peters School	2		
Stonar Explorer Scouts	1	1	
Stover School	1	1	
Stride Cornwall	1	1	
Stroud High School		1	
Sturminster Newton Expedition	2	1	
Taunton School	2	1	
Tavistock & Dist Youth Forum	1	1	1
Taw Explorers	1		
Teign school	1		
Teign Valley Ramblers	1	1	
Teignbridge Explorers			1
Teignmouth Community School	1	1	
Thomas Hall School	1		
Tiverton High School	2	1	
Torpoint Community College	2	2	
Torquay Academy	1	1	

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
Torquay Academy CCF	3		
Torquay Boys' Grammar School	3	1	1
Torquay Girls Grammar School	3	1	
Totnes Independent School	1		
Trinity School	1		
Truro College			1
Truro School	3	1	
Uffculme School	3	1	
Warminster School		1	
Wellington School	2	1	
West Devon Explorer Scouts	2		

Establishment	35 miles	45 miles	55 miles
West Exe School	2	2	
Westbuckland School	2	2	
Wiltshire ACF	2	1	
Woodroffe School		2	1
Wraxall Explorers	1	2	
Wycliffe College CCF	1	1	
Yate Academy	1		
Yeo Troggs Explorer Scouts	1		
Yeo Vale Explorers	1		
Yeti Explorer Scouts	2		

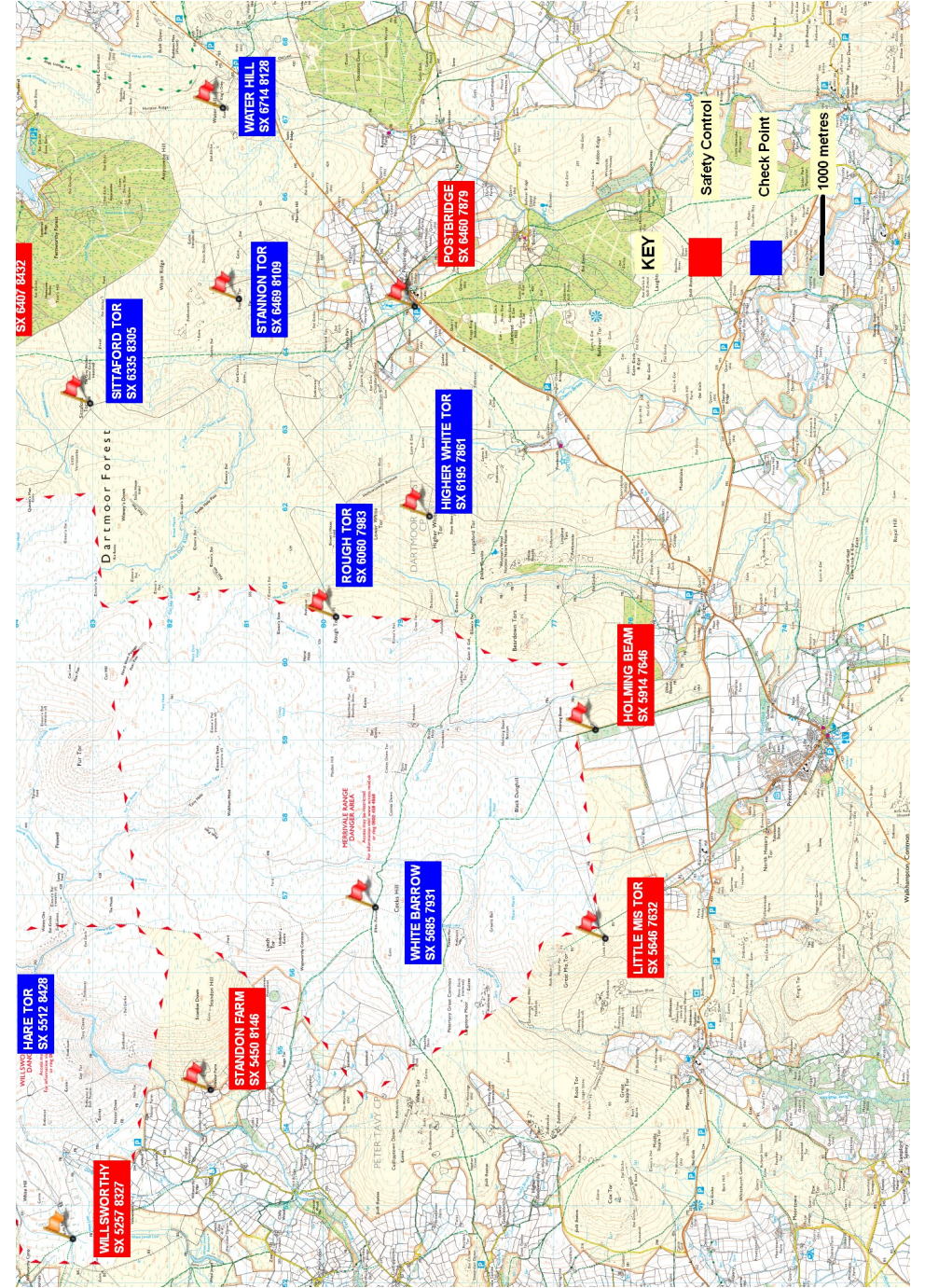
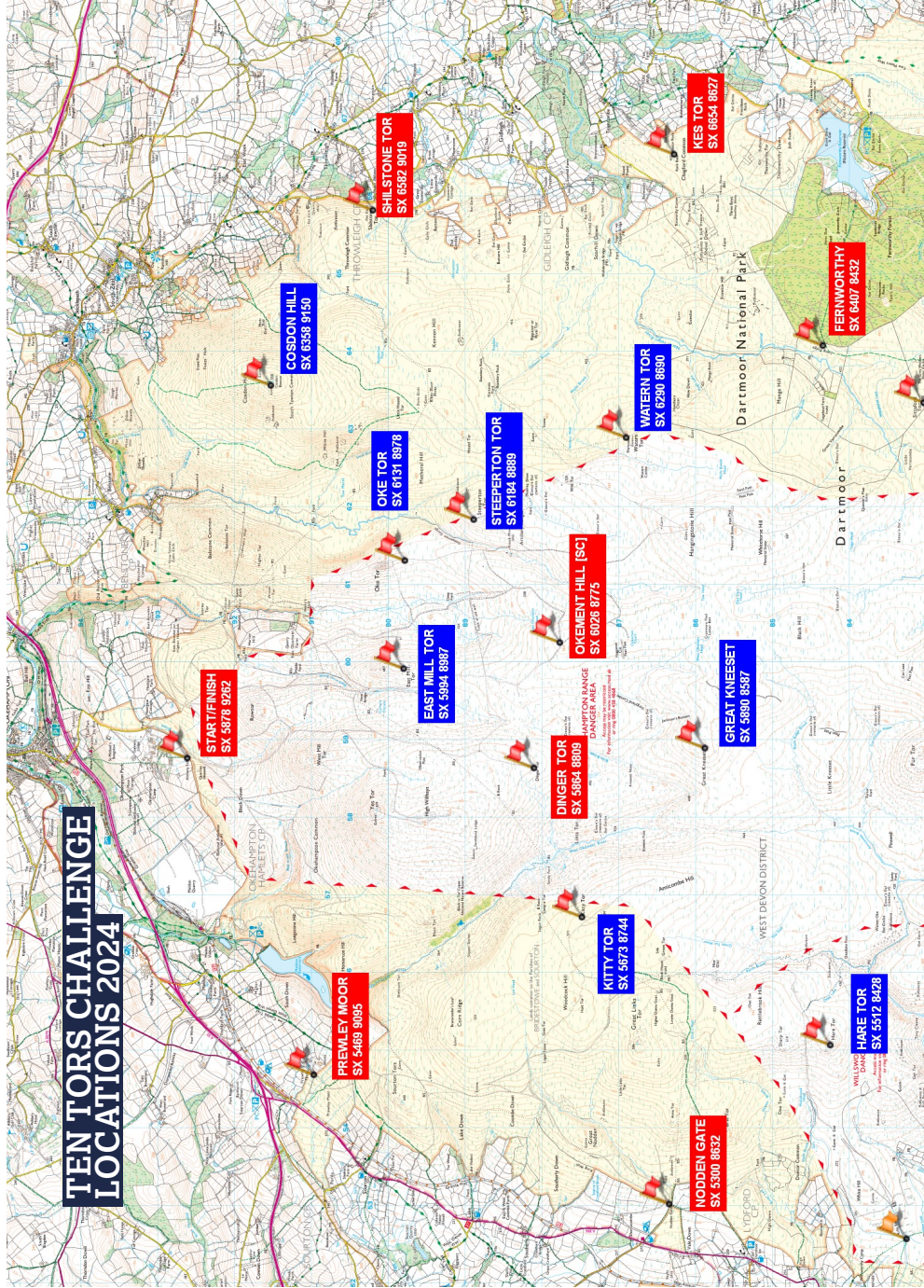
JUBILEE CHALLENGE INDIVIDUALS & TEAMS

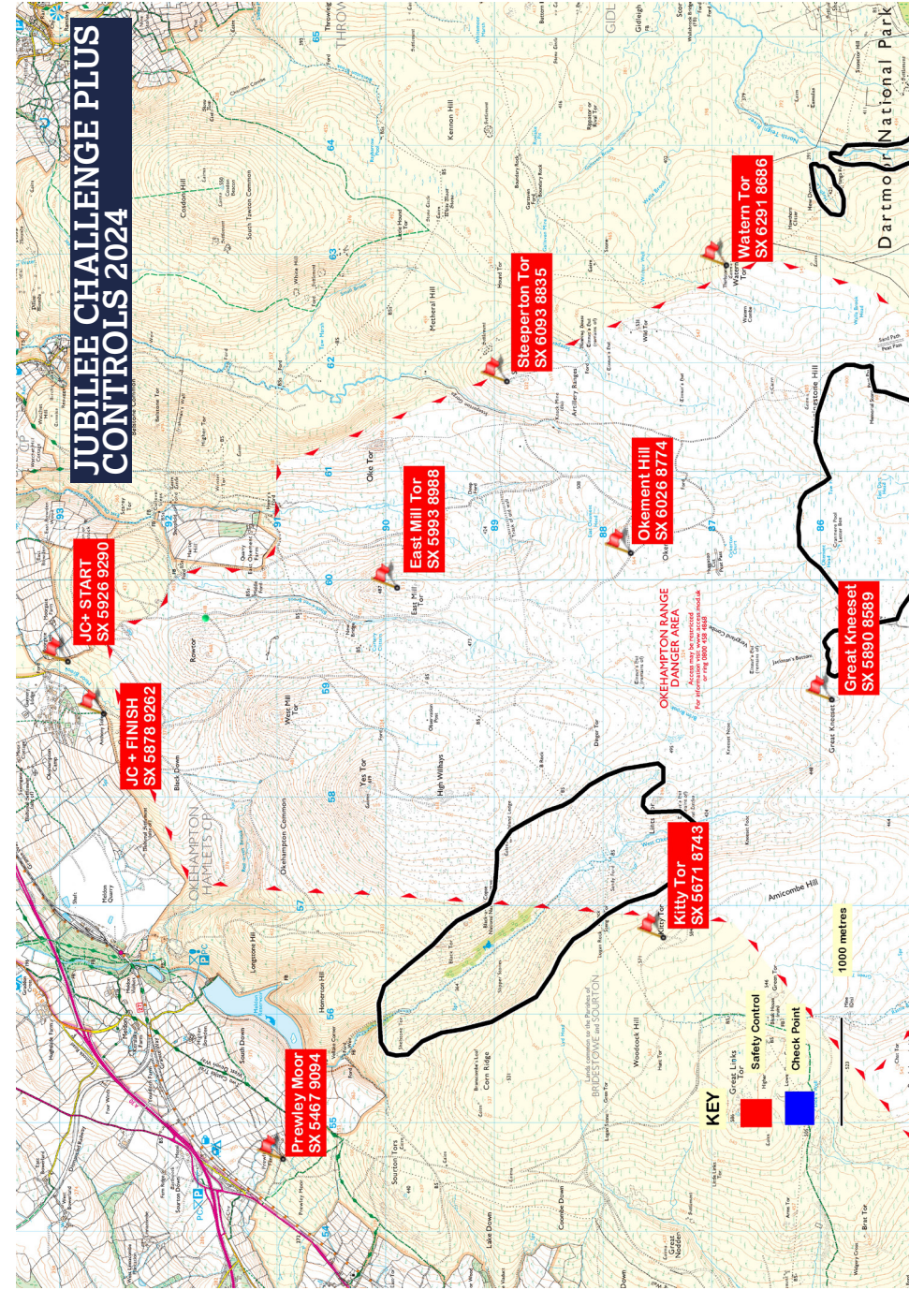
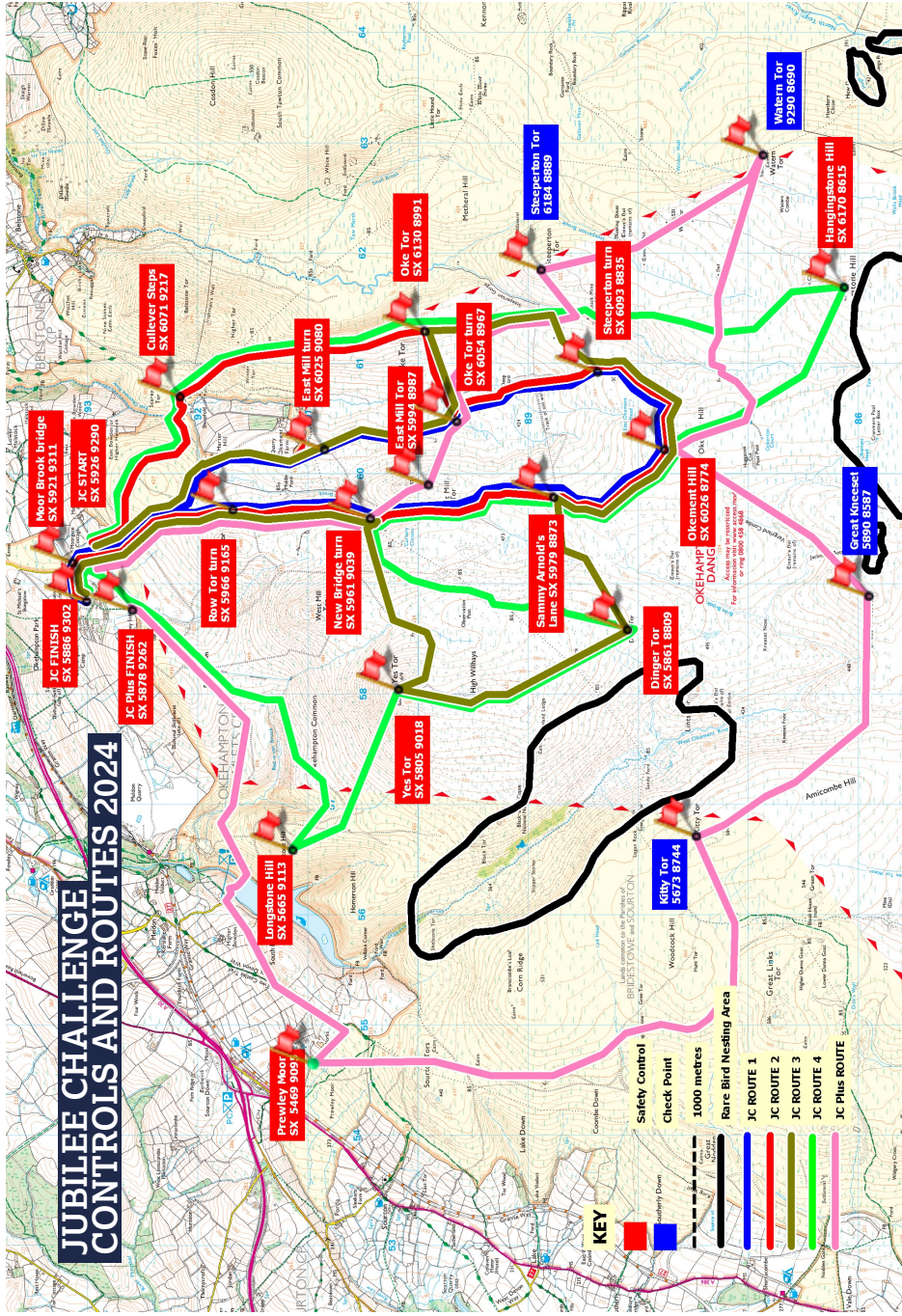
Establishment	7.8-mile	8.7-mile	11-mile	15-mile
	104	116	121	42
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ACE Tiverton School			8	
Ashton Park School		6		
Bideford College		3		
Bidwell Brook	6		5	
Blaise High School		3	4	
Blue School Wells	4			
Bodmin College	10			
Brook Green Centre for Learning			10	
City College Plymouth	4	6	6	6
Combe Pafford School	4		12	12
Compass Learning Centre			4	
Curnow School	7			
Duchy College		3		2

Establishment	7.8-mile	8.7-mile	11-mile	15-mile
Exeter & District Scouts		4		
Exeter Girlguiding		4		
Fairmead School		6		
Glendinning Academy		17	8	8
Isca Academy				
Kingsley School Bideford			5	
Lampard School		9		
Launceston College			3	
Lifeworks College			6	3
Marland Residential School			4	
Mayfield Special School	10	5	5	
Mill Ford School	6			
Orchard Manor School	8	12	8	8
Pathfield School		6		
Pencalenick School	6		6	
Running Deer School	7			
Sedgemoor Manor School	2		8	
Shoreline academy		8		
Southbrook School		10	5	
Warmley Park School & College	13	4	6	
Westfield Arts College	9	10	8	3
Yeovil College	8			

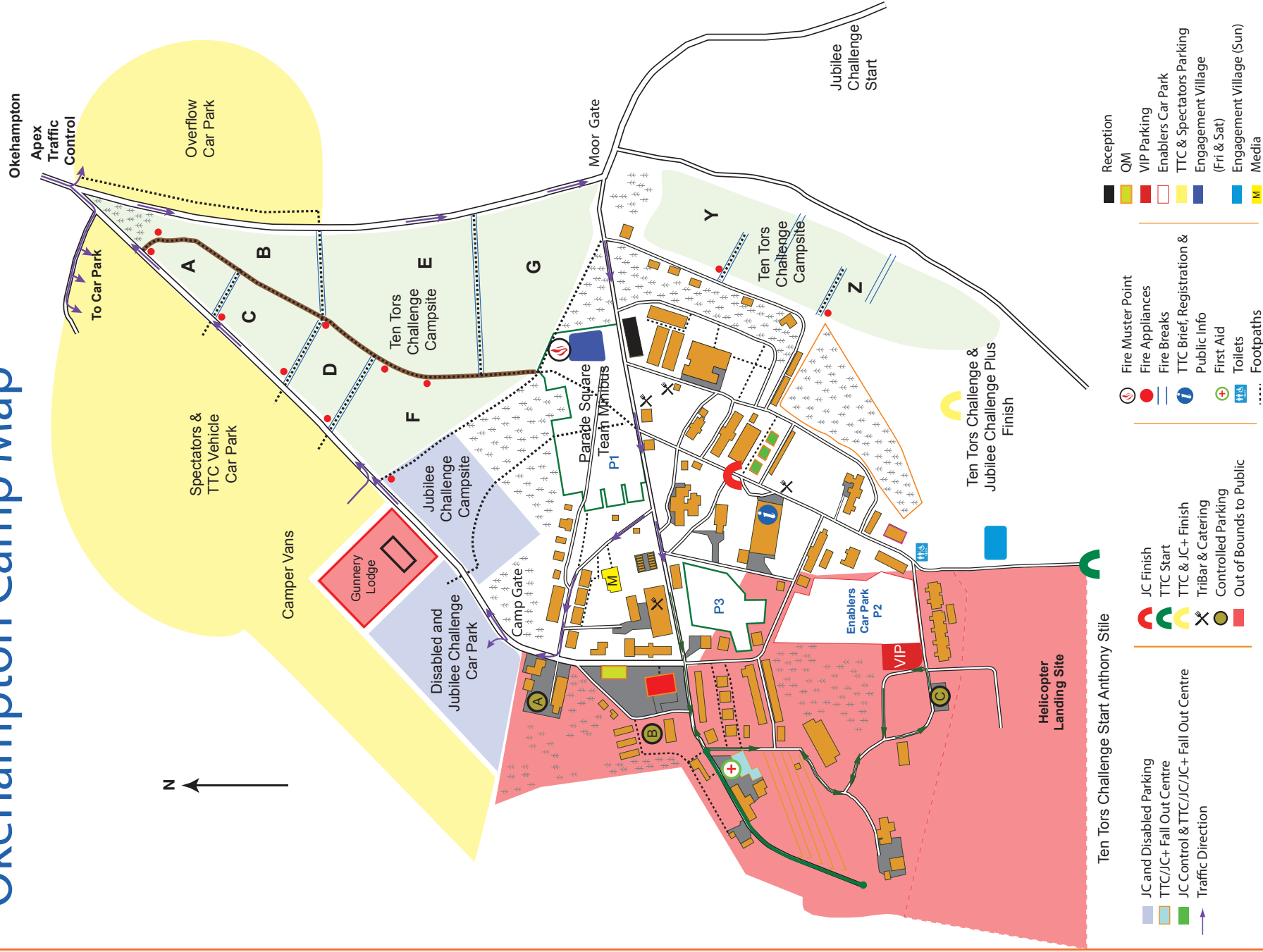
JUBILEE CHALLENGE PLUS TEAMS

Establishment	JC+
1933 - ACE Tiverton School	4
1455 - Bideford College	3
1604 - Isca Academy	1
1902 - Kingsley School Bideford	4
1193 - Orchard Manor School	4





Okehampton Camp Map



- Ten Tors Challenge Start Anthony Stile**
- JC and Disabled Parking
 - TTC/JC+ Fall Out Centre
 - JC Control & TTC/JC/JC+ Fall Out Centre
 - Traffic Direction
 - JC Finish
 - TTC Start
 - TTC & JC+ Finish
 - TriBar & Catering
 - Controlled Parking
 - Out of Bounds to Public
 - Reception
 - QM
 - VIP Parking
 - Enablers Car Park
 - TTC & Spectators Parking
 - Engagement Village (Fri & Sat)
 - Engagement Village (Sun)
 - Media
 - Fire Muster Point
 - Fire Appliances
 - Fire Breaks
 - TTC Brief, Registration & Public Info
 - First Aid
 - Toilets
 - Footpaths

FARMING ON DARTMOOR

TONY CLARK OBE

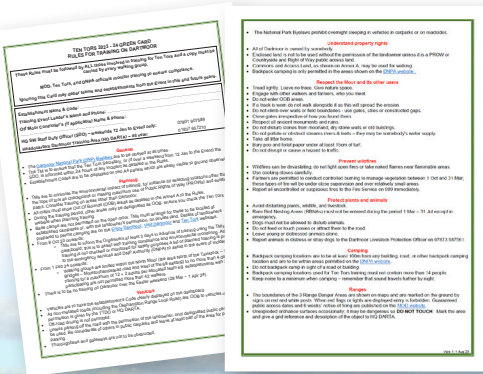
Most of Dartmoor National Park's 368 square miles is farmed and has been for thousands of years. It is a human made landscape. Local farmers have grazing rights on the common land, usually for about one cow or pony per acre of land holdings or equivalent of sheep. Limitations on the number of animals permitted to graze constrains the number of active farmers. Theirs is a dedicated, hard life as they have to care for their animals, encouraging them to remain in established areas (called a lea) where they have grazing rights of common.

In addition to looking after their stock, the commoners help to care for the cultural heritage, create and maintain public access, reduce fire risk and maintain Dartmoor's landscape. For generations they have been custodians of the Moor giving the area a unique character with its own dialect.

Farming is going through a difficult period at present, due to further reductions being imposed on the quantity of animals that may be grazed, the uncertainty of cuts in funding, increased costs and low meat prices.

Ten Tors shares Dartmoor with commoners, locals and visitors so participants need to be considerate of other users. All Ten Tors trainees learn about Dartmoor and how to care for the wonderful, wild countryside, as they are the future ambassadors for Dartmoor and other wild areas.

To illustrate this, you might be interested to see the guidance (Green Card) included in the Ten Tors Rules for Training on Dartmoor, that have to be obeyed by all Ten Tors trainees.



ENGAGEMENT VILLAGE



Come and meet service personnel and experience the displays by the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and other organisations as they showcase their capabilities.

WHAT

The Army, Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force will be on display during Ten Tors this year, showcasing their capability and some of the many opportunities offered by a career in the Armed Forces, both full time as a Regular or part time as a Reservist. In addition, Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and Cadets will be on hand to provide an overview of some of their key activities. Please feel free to engage with our Service Personnel and Cadets and get your hands on some of the inter-active and immersive equipment on display.

Equipment on display will include:

- Port Operating Equipment
- Army Air Corps Virtual Reality Experience
- Rifles Band
- Army Chefs
- Interactive Games
- Parachute Display Stand
- Careers information.
- And much more

There will also be representatives from the following organisations:

- SSt John Ambulance
- QA Cyber Security
- Royal British Legion
- Devon and Cornwall 4x4

WHEN

Friday 10th May	0900 – 1700 hrs
Saturday 11th May	1000 – 1500 hrs
Sunday 12th May	0830 – 1700 hrs

WHERE

The stands are located on the Okehampton Camp Car Park for the Friday and the Saturday. On Sunday they will be located at the Ten Tors finish location. See the Camp map on pages 16 for information on where you can find us.

JUBILEE CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS ART EXHIBITION CITY COLLEGE PLYMOUTH MIKE DUGDALE, TEAM MANAGER

City College Plymouth recently celebrated the unveiling of a unique mural at Plymouth Council House, created by its Skills Development students to commemorate their participation in the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge. Under the mentorship of Sue Evans, the students designed the mural to symbolize their longstanding success in the event. The Ten Tors Challenge, a test of endurance across Dartmoor, involves 2,400 teenagers navigating up to 55 miles. Reflecting Dartmoor's varied textures, the mural features a mix of materials like silk and calico, offering a sensory experience with its tactile design elements. It portrays a walker against Dartmoor's landscape, highlighting the natural beauty and the challenge's essence.

Jackie Grubb, the Chief Executive of City College Plymouth, emphasized the mural's significance in promoting collaborative efforts to support young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The partnership between the College and Plymouth City Council aims to enhance educational experiences for students with high needs. The mural not only celebrates the College's participation in the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge, but also underscores its commitment to inclusive education. This initiative demonstrates the College's dedication to providing an accessible learning environment where all students can thrive and contribute meaningfully.



TEN TORS 60 HISTORY PROJECT GEOFF COOKE



Ten Tors 1965. The finish at Willworthy

The Ten Tors 60 History Project is recording the oral history of the young men and women who participated in the early Ten Tors Challenge in the 1960s and early 70s. The project plans to use these resources to connect the older generation with young people today through various medias.

The project is looking for an author to collate a narrative story about those early years through their own voices, young people to help with graphic design, media and other aspects of the project, which would be a great addition to their CV. Finally, we need funds and sponsors to help fund the project.

Anyone interested in helping should contact Geoff Cooke - gic@gryphon.dorset.sch.uk



Ten Tors 1962. A Royal Signals Junior Leaders team



Ten Tors 1960. Iron Troop Junior Leaders Royal Signals



Ten Tors 1960. Control operating from inside a bunker

TEN TORS SCRUTINEERS

CHIEF SCRUTINEER KEVIN 'SCOTTY' SCOTT

The Scrutineers' role at Ten Tors is often not fully understood. Our prime reason for being involved in the Ten Tors Event is the safety of the participants and their teams. This is conducted in 2 threads:

Standards of Clothing and Equipment:

Ensuring that the standard of clothing and equipment meets the minimum requirement. This allows the individual and their Team to undertake the Ten Tors Challenge safely.

Patrolling the Event:

The Scrutineers deploy prior to the Event start at 0700hrs on Saturday and walk in amongst the participants. This allows the Scrutineers to check on Team and individual welfare, state of the Moor underfoot and river conditions, as well as troubleshooting issues.

The Ten Tors Scrutineers are volunteers, mainly drawn from the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, either currently serving or retired. As an enabling element of Ten Tors we have 35 personnel, both male and female with nearly 600 years of Ten Tors experience and in excess of 1000 years of hill and mountain experience collectively to draw on. We also hold many qualifications and have led numerous expeditions around the world.

Our aim is to ensure each participant safely and successfully completes the Ten Tors, enjoying the whole occasion and forming memories and friendship from the Event. May we take this opportunity to wish every participant the best of luck for the 2024 Ten Tors Event



THE SOUTH WEST MOORLAND LEADER TRAINING SCHEME (SWMLTS)

BRENDAN STONE

The South West Moorland Leader Training Scheme is operated by Local Authorities in the South West of England to provide training and assessment and thereby recognition of competence for leaders of walking and camping activities.

The scheme has been in existence for over 30 years to meet the needs of people wishing to supervise walking and camping activities, whether for professional or voluntary reasons.

Many schools and establishments have found this to be a cost effective and accessible method for the employer to ensure their staff or volunteers are suitably competent to lead walking and camping activities.

The scheme is an ideal pathway to ensuring competence to lead activities such as Ten Tors and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Participants may take part in all or some of the awards depending on their needs.

The scheme comprises several modular awards:

- Coastal & Countryside Leader
- Coastal & Countryside Camping Endorsement
- Summer Moorland Leader
- Summer Moorland Camping Endorsement
- Winter Moorland Leader

Once registered with any providing Local Authority, participants may take part in different modules of the scheme with different local authorities.

More information about the scheme and scheme providers can be found here;

www.swmlts.org.uk



THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVISERS' PANEL (OEAP)

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The professional association for Outdoor Education Advisers in England and Wales.

As the lead body for guidance, advice and training related to outdoor learning and educational visits in England and Wales, the OEAP supports members in their work with schools and services to children and young people.

We believe every child in every school should have access to a comprehensive programme of high quality outdoor learning, educational visits, and adventurous activities as an integral part of their school curriculum.

The OEAP recommends employing or engaging an OEAP member who can provide high quality advice and training. They have extensive, detailed, and appropriate knowledge and experience of all relevant types of establishments and the range of outdoor learning, educational visits and adventurous activities that are provided to young people.

If your school or establishment does not currently engage an Outdoor Education Adviser to support your work, a list of OEAP members in England and Wales can be found here: www.oeapng.info/find-an-adviser-home

In addition, The Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel works closely with the English Department for Education, The Welsh Department for Education and Skills, The National Youth Agency and a wide range of stakeholders in order to provide a comprehensive range of guidance free to schools and establishments known as National Guidance, which can be found here: www.oeapng.info/aboutnational-guidance

This guidance has been developed by OEAP to help anyone who organises high quality outdoor learning, educational visits, and adventurous activities, including residential visits and overseas visits.

It is designed to support safe high quality learning experiences for young people and is enabling rather than restrictive.

It is relevant to schools, colleges, youth services and other formal and informal settings, in the public, private, voluntary, and charitable sectors.

It covers provision across England and Wales, but much of it is applicable elsewhere.



UNVEILING THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF TEN TORS

AIMEE MITCHELL, LEADER FOR SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE, SCHOOLS AND CADETS REPRESENTATIVE TEN TORS POLICY COMMITTEE



Ten Tors Policy Committee member Aimee Mitchell explains her passion for why Ten Tors is important as part of the personal development offer for schools. She has a unique perspective, as a Trust Leader at the Ted Wragg Trust, and in her capacity as Assistant Commandant for Devon Army Cadet Force. She represents both the cadets and education on the Policy Committee.

Aimee is delighted that so many young people are taking part in Ten Tors 2024. Ted Wragg alone has 120 students across 6 schools taking part, with one participant taking part in the Jubilee Challenge.

“Despite living in a rural county, many of our students reside in the cities of Exeter and Plymouth, so participating in Ten Tors is a brilliant way for them to get out on to the wilds of Dartmoor! Ten Tors stands out amongst other outdoor challenges for its

sheer scale, and we know that young people undertaking it will come out the other end with more grit and determination, which can only serve them well in all other areas of their life.

We know that undertaking challenges like Ten Tors helps to boost students' self confidence and allows them to develop their leadership and problem solving skills, alongside furthering their teamwork capabilities. Completing Ten Tors also helps equip young people with practical outdoor skills, such as how to set up a camp and how to hill walk safely.

At the Ted Wragg Trust, we know that education doesn't just happen in the classroom, and we see Ten Tors as a key learning opportunity in the school calendar. We are so fortunate to have the Dartmoor National Park on our doorstep and encouraging young people to get out.



JCSYS TEN TORS SUPPORT



For the past 10 years JCSys has provided both physical and procedural tracking for all Ten Tors and more recently Jubilee Challenge and Jubilee Challenge Plus participants, ensuring the safest possible yet challenging environment.

Physical tracking:

Every Ten Tors team and Jubilee Challenge/ Jubilee Challenge Plus participant carries an Iridium/GPS tracker that reports their position, through the Iridium satellite constellation, to produce a live tracking picture of the physical location, that is displayed in the Ten Tors operations room.

Procedural Tracking:

All participants' Ten Tors status from "registration" through to "returned to manager" after the event are recorded on the Management Information System, which displays the team/participant's journey through the various phases of the event.

JCSys augmentation of the camp network allows event staff to access these vital records of participants' status and physical location, ensuring close and yet unseen supervision.



THANK YOU LIEUTENANT COLONEL TIM GILBERT, SO1 TEN TORS

Staging the Ten Tors weekend is a complex task, and it would simply not be possible without many, many people giving up their time to assist the Army in making it happen. Some of these people are involved throughout the year, providing specialist knowledge and advice to ensure that the Event is as challenging, rewarding, and safe as possible. Whilst I can't thank everyone individually, the vital contributions of the following organisations must be recognised:

- Dartmoor Rescue Group teams are deployed on the Moor during the Event, and over the last few months they have been called out several times to provide emergency assistance to Ten Tors participants during training weekends.
- Devon & Cornwall Police, South West Ambulance Service, the Met Office and the Highways Agency all provide specialist support and liaison officers to ensure the Event runs smoothly.
- Scrutineers are our volunteers who check that teams are appropriately equipped and safe during the Event. Very sadly, this year the scrutineer team are missing a longstanding member, Andrew "Bob" Monkhouse, who died in the lead up to the Event after a short illness.
- Environmental Compliance Monitors are volunteers who are out on the Moor every weekend during training to ensure that Dartmoor's ecology isn't impacted by Ten Tors activity and that young people are learning how to enjoy the environment respectfully.

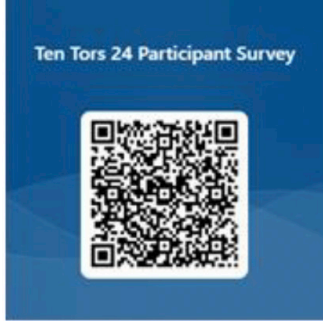
- Devon and Cornwall 4x4 Response volunteers provide cross country transport across the Moor, giving us access to areas that would otherwise be very difficult to reach.
- Volunteers made up of serving and retired members of the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force who staff the safety controls and checkpoints out on the Moor during the Event.
- Our specialist contractors St John Ambulance and JCSys respectively provide medical cover and real time tracking, both of which are essential for the safety of the participants.
- The goodwill of both landowners and the Dartmoor National Park Authority is key to the access that participants have during training and during the Event.

I particularly want to thank all the Team Managers and their staff, who train and prepare the participants for the Event. I know that they give up their free time and weekends, and brave truly horrendous weather over the winter to ensure that their teams can take part.

Lastly, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Tony Clark OBE has been involved in various roles supporting Ten Tors over the last 30 years. For the last few years, he has been the advisor to the Director of Ten Tors; a role that he is now stepping down from. It is difficult to overstate the impact that Tony has had on the Event, the countless hours he has invested over the decades, and the huge number of participants that have benefitted. I suspect that we will continue to feel and see Tony's influence for years to come. Thank you, Tony.

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