

DofE Expeditions at Maes y Lade



At Maes y Lade Centre for Outdoor Learning we offer DofE expeditions across the UK on foot, or by canoe! We can also run your expedition in the French Pyrenees, the Italian Dolomites or Morocco!

Our staff are all highly qualified, and are all accredited DofE Assessors, meaning that we can train your group, prepare them for their venture, supervise their practice expedition and assess their qualifying venture, at all three levels of the Award.

Why choose Maes y Lade for your DofE Expedition?

- Highly qualified and experienced instructional staff to act as supervisors.
- Fully accredited Expedition Assessors.
- Full board and accommodation pre- and post-expedition, plus access to a drying room.
- All on-course transport provided
- Access to our fully equipped store, meaning you can kit out your young people with everything they need for their expedition.
- Access to risk assessments and a rigorous and proven risk management strategy.
- Support with Educational Visits submissions and Green Form administration.



Practice Expeditions – A typical practice lasts five days at Silver and six days at Gold, and consists of further training opportunities and unaccompanied journeying, allowing participants to develop the self-reliance, leadership and teamwork skills required for their Qualifying Venture. Weekend practices which include the mandatory 2 nights camping are also available.

Qualifying Ventures – Fully supervised Qualifying Ventures, assessed by one of our accredited assessors, lasting six days at Silver and seven days at Gold. Includes an acclimatisation day at the start of the course, plus pre-course support with route planning and helping participants to decide on a purpose.



Maes y Lade is a purpose-built residential centre at the foot of the Black Mountains in the Brecon Beacons National Park, and our location means that we are well positioned to provide opportunities at Silver and Gold, particularly foot expeditions in the Brecon Beacons and canoe expeditions on the River Wye.

For more information on all of the DofE courses offered at Maes y Lade, please contact us on 01497 847287 or via enquiries@maesylade.co.uk

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