

Braid Wood - DofE Request

This may seem like common sense: Leaders, please be mindful of these requests and also PLEASE speak to the young people before they head out on their expedition and offer gentle reminders at the campsite as the DofE is getting increasing complaints from local residents in and around Braid Wood and we want to ensure we are doing all we can to minimize our impact on the local environment.

Litter

Please ensure that <u>ALL litter is placed in the bins provided</u> at the campsite. DofE Leaders, please check the campsite before you and your participants depart.

If participants see any litter on route, it would be great if they picked it up and placed in the next bin they come across.

Water

Please can participants <u>use a reusable water</u> <u>bottle or simply refill the one they are</u> <u>using.</u> This will go a long way to reducing the amount of plastic on site.

Noise

Please ensure the <u>noise is kept to a</u> <u>minimum before 7am in the mornings and</u> <u>after 10pm</u>. Leaders, please ensure the campsite remains quiet outside of these times. Please note there is a residential property next door to Braid Wood so please be considerate of noise levels in the car park area.

There are residents nearby and along the footpaths so keeping noise levels acceptable is requested.

Getting lost/trespassing

We appreciate participants get lost but please remind them to be constantly checking and orientating their maps. If it looks and feels like they could be trespassing then they probably are so remind them to stop, retrace their steps and check their maps. If they are approached by a landowner/resident, they must remain polite and respectful at all times.



Countryside Code

Around Braid Wood there are lots of gates and animals. Please highlight the Countryside Code to participants before they head out on their expedition.

CLOSE any gates that they open. <u>DO NOT torment, disturb and approach any animals</u> as this can cause distress to the animals and also their owners!

Behaviour

A brief reminder to participants as they leave about their behaviour whilst out and about in the beautiful countryside: **remain respectful** to people they meet enroute and to the environment and animals.



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