

Abergavenny 3 Peaks Recommended Kit List

Instructors will have First Aid equipment, but all participants must carry the following kit whilst walking.

It is a good idea to train with your rucksack carrying everything you need.

PLEASE NOTE NO MUSIC SPEAKERS ARE ALLOWED ON THIS CHALLENGE

Recommended

- ✓ Rucksack
- ✓ Platypus water pack OR at least 1.5 litres of water
- ✓ First Aid kit with personal items such as medication/inhalers - *Compeed blister plasters can be good for blisters*
- ✓ Waterproofs – Jacket and trousers
- ✓ Suitable strong supportive footwear eg walking boots *Trainers are not suitable footwear and could lead to unnecessary accidents*



- ✓ Walking socks
- ✓ Spare socks
- ✓ Thinner layers are better than thick heavy items *Jeans are not suitable in case of wet weather. Clothing needs to be effective in the wet. Layers can include Base Layer = underwear, socks, thermal top and trousers. Mid Layer = insulation; top, trousers, hat, thin gloves. Outer Layer = water and windproof; waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers, gloves/mittens.*

When a range of temperatures is likely to be encountered, either through external conditions or varying energy requirements, the normal solution is to use layers of clothing, which can be added or removed in order to cope with weather.



- ✓ Fleece or jumper *Good to put on if you stop*
- ✓ Spare clothing *Placed in a carrier bag or alternative waterproof bag to keep it dry*
- ✓ Head torch/torch and spare batteries
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Food and drink and spare

- ✓ Mobile phone
- ✓ Camera (optional)
- ✓ Sun cream, sun hat, sun glasses
- ✓ Money/card for any purchases on the stops, post walk

Not essential

- ✓ Survival bag - A survival bag is a person-sized waterproof bag, typically orange in colour, designed to avert the threat of hypothermia from exposure. It is reasonably light, made from strong, waterproof and tear-proof plastic, and provides some amount of thermal insulation. Can be purchased at most outdoor stores and online for very little cost.
- ✓ OS Map of The Black Mountains: Landranger 161
- ✓ Compass



When packing your rucksack, make sure that the items that you will need to get out in a hurry, such as waterproofs, hat, gloves etc are readily accessible, while items such as lunch are packed nearer the bottom of the rucksack. Also, ensure that heavier items, such as a flask, are kept to the back of the rucksack (nearer to your back) so that the centre of gravity is closer to your body to avoid injury.

We have also been made aware of a very useful app to download onto your smart phone. OS Locate. Gives you your 6 figure grid reference to either use in conjunction with your OS map or to provide location in case of emergency.

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