

West Lancs Explorer Scouts

EXPLORERS⁺
Ardennes Adventure 2017

Canoe, Climb, Cave, Bike

West Lancs Scouts

Registered Charity – Number 521712

ARDENNES ADVENTURE 2017



Friday 26th May to Sunday 4th June 2017

WHERE?

The event takes place in the Ardennes region of southern Belgium, midway between Bruxelles (the capital city of Belgium) and Luxembourg. The Adventure will be based in the pretty village of Mont-Godinne in a property that belongs to the Belgian Catholic Scouting Association.

COSTS

The cost of the event is **£395.00**.

This includes travel to and from Mont-Godinne in Belgium, internal transport to/from the activities, eight nights' camp fees and breakfasts at the Mont-Godinne Scout Centre, all specialist activity equipment and instructors/leaders, travel and activity insurance through the Scout Association, a souvenir event polo shirt and an allowance for contingency. It also includes the pre-event training weekend (excluding food).

Not included are lunches and evening meals, which are on a self catered basis, snacks during the journeys, rest day trips out, spending monies and food on the pre-event training weekend.

ACTIVITIES

Choose three activities from the following. You will spend two consecutive days on each activity.

Canadian Canoeing – A two-day expedition in both canoes and kayaks down two separate rivers. Camp overnight away from our base.

Mountain Biking – Have a go at lots of different trails in the area, from dusty fields to single track through forests. Biking from base this usually includes an overnight camp.



Rock Climbing – Learn how to rock climb and belay on the first day and then head to the crag Dave (!) for a day of multipitch climbing.

Caving – Two different caves over the two days. Expect to get wet, climb some ladders, and scramble underground in two of Belgium's best caves.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

We travel by minibus and ferry from Dover, leaving Lancashire early evening on Friday 26th May and arriving in Mont-Godinne in time for breakfast. Saturday will be spent preparing our camp for the week, recovering from the journey and buying our food from the local supermarkets. Sunday to Saturday will be the three adventure phases broken up by a culture day. Our journey home will start after breakfast on the Sunday morning with arrival back in Lancashire planned for early evening on Sunday 4th June.



PRE-EVENT TRAINING



We have a training weekend to introduce you to all these activities; everyone has half a day on each activity. It's happening on weekend of **7th – 9th April**, based out of a local (ish) Scout Campsite, and brings the team together. It's a camping weekend run on a self-catering basis like the Adventure, camping fees included in the total cost (excluding food).

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Participants will be self-sufficient as regards camping (personal gear, tents, stoves, etc). A continental breakfast will be provided each day to enable activities to get off to prompt start. Lunch and dinner will be up to you to plan, buy and cook. The leaders will help you with menu suggestions, but you should try and make friends with someone who can cook! The cost of lunches and dinners should be incorporated into your spending money (approx £7 per day).



ENQUIRIES

Any questions on the Adventure? Contact *Steve Williams* on 07734 824011 or stephen_280@hotmail.com

HOW TO APPLY?

Fill in, cut out and send off the application form below, together with a cheque deposit of £145 made payable to 'West Lancashire Explorer Scouts' to **Steve Williams, 13 Cottam Avenue, Ingol, Preston, PR2 3XD**. The balance of the cost will be required at the training weekend in April.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 28 FEBRUARY 2017

I wish to apply to participate in Ardennes Adventure 2017 and enclose my deposit of £145.

NAME		DATE OF BIRTH	
ADDRESS			
EMAIL		POST CODE	
TELEPHONE		MOBILE	

UNIT		DISTRICT	
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Please number the following activities in order of preference (1 – 4..... 1 as first choice!):

Canoeing	Mountain Biking	Rock Climbing	Caving

Signed		Applicant
Approved by		Parent/Guardian
Supported by		Explorer Scout Leader