

Berkshire Cubs Waterways Challenge



Cubs who complete the Waterways Challenge are eligible to receive and wear this occasional badge (available from the County Office)

Inspired by our various waterways across Berkshire, some gifting their names to our Districts, all Cubs, Packs and Districts are invited to participate in our Berkshire Cubs Waterways Challenge.

- All Cubs who complete all three challenges listed below are eligible to receive their Berkshire Cubs Waterways Challenge badge and certificate – a template will be shared with the leader for local completion.
- Programme ideas and supporting resources are signposted below, including many potential badge links (Leaders may flex and combine multiple activities so long as the duration is achieved).
- Photographs and achievements will be shared on the County website

Observation & Conservation of our Waterways Environment	Water Recreation	Water Safety																		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a practical activity of at least 3 hours, observing our inland waterways and helping with a conservation initiative</p> <p>Cubs should research and participate in a project to help conserve their local waterway habitat. This may be lead by the Cub leaders or other adults with appropriate knowledge, or be part of a more formal project with one of their local conservation organisations. Whether they're litter picking, reducing river-bank erosion or clearing ditches to help water flow, it's important that the Cubs get involved in saving and improving the local environment.</p> <p>A range of ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Involvement with a local water-related community project (for example, some Cubs participated in the Thames Catchment Community Eels Project which ran from Dec '20-March'22). - Exploring activities with local conservation groups e.g. Action for River Kennet, Friends of Maidenhead Waterways, The Loddon Catchment Partnership, Canal & River Trust or South East River Trust - Maybe Cubs could also supplement their practical conservation programme by becoming 'Junior River Rangers' by completing at least three activities from this webpage published by the South East River Trust. <p>Potential Badge Links: Community Impact (staged), Environmental Conservation, Our World Challenge, Teamwork Challenge, Personal Challenge</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Participate in an activity of at least 2 hours on or near the waterways</p> <p>On the water, Cubs can achieve this aspect of the challenge by participating in one or more activities including:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Dragon boating or Bell boating</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Paddle boarding</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Canoeing or Kayaking</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Rafting-building</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Sailing</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Inflatable adventure course</td> </tr> </table> <p>Or....</p> <p>Near the water, Cubs can achieve this aspect of the challenge by participating in one or more activities including:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Fishing, or Crayfish trapping</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Water purification</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Bridge building</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Interviewing a lock-keeper or fishery</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Litter picking (maybe from a paddleboard!)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Observation trail near the waterways e.g. downloadable Spotter's Guide</td> </tr> </table> <p>Leaders must ensure they have the relevant license, permission, risk assessments, and activity leaders or Scout permits in place for whichever activities are chosen.</p> <p>Contact your local Sea Scout Group to see if they could lead a Cub pack session, or one of the commercial or charity centres. For example:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Wokingham Waterside Centre</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Dinton Pastures Activity Centre</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Burghfield Sailing Club</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Longridge Activity Centre (Marlow)</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Other suitable centres</td> </tr> </table> <p>Potential Badge Links: Nautical Skills, Paddle Sports, Sailing, Time on the Water, Water Activities, Our Adventure Challenge, Teamwork Challenge, Personal Challenge</p>	Dragon boating or Bell boating	Paddle boarding	Canoeing or Kayaking	Rafting-building	Sailing	Inflatable adventure course	Fishing, or Crayfish trapping	Water purification	Bridge building	Interviewing a lock-keeper or fishery	Litter picking (maybe from a paddleboard!)	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Over 700 people drown in the UK and Ireland every year with many more suffering injury, some life-changing, through non-fatal experiences – more than from domestic fires or cycling accidents (Ref: www.rlss.org.uk).</p> <p>A great range of downloadable resources and interactive games are available to help the Cubs learn how to stay safe near our inland waterways including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water Safety resources collated by the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service - River, lake and canal safety videos and games published by the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service - The Water Safety Explorers learning bundle published by the Canal & River Trust – including a video, spot the danger and other activities, safety challenge (5 games), booklets & posters – includes guidance notes for leaders. - The RNLI Upper Primary educational resources - through play, video and discussion, Cubs can learn how to plan for a trip near water, what to take and what to do, and how to identify possible dangers by rivers and lakes as well as the sea. <p>The Fire and Rescue Service support water safety across our inland waterways – contact your local service to see how they can help with a Cub pack session. A specialist Water Rescue Unit is based in Caversham, but other local stations can usually help too. Look out for #BeWaterAware on the RBFRS social media channels - further water safety resources are in development by the Safety Education Team.</p> <p>Potential Badge Links: Personal Safety, Water Activities, Personal Challenge</p>
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