



Mourne Ambassador Programme (MAP) What's MAP all about?????

The Outdoor Partnership (TOP) and The Mourne Heritage Trust have partnered together to give young people the opportunity to take responsibility for outdoor environments in the Mourne and learn a range of skills from conservation of trails to mountain biking and making it sustainable.

Are you 14 – 17 years old? Live in the Mourne area? Do you enjoy mountainous and coastal areas? Do you want to look after these spaces? Do you want to learn a broad range of skills from various outdoor professionals? Then maybe MAP is for you!

The programme and your commitment:

You will need to be able to commit to one Sunday (except over school holidays) every month for 12 months (Jan – Dec 2023) with an expedition in June 2023.

The activities within MAP are weather permitting so may change

Start date: Sunday 22nd January 2023

January: Meet and greet with the Mourne Rangers and TOP. Navigate our way up a small summit in Mourne region with some fun and games along the way!

February: Trash Free Trail – Look after our heavily trafficked trails and share your findings in unique ways.

March: Respecting Rural Businesses and how we and our pets can make a positive contribution and build relationships with local stakeholders (There may be LAMBS involved!)

April: Cycling and Trails – We will take off on our bikes with the experts to explore our impact and how we can do our best to conserve when enjoying our beautiful trails.

May: Green lanes and maintenance – Learning from last months adventures could take us in many directions.

June: One night expedition – We will learn from the experts about everything from path work to rock climbing to leaving no trace with our campfires.

July: Blue spaces survey and our impact.

August: Leave no trace training.

September: Coastal blue spaces – What can we do to preserve the seabed and wildlife, while on a lovely canoe journey.

October: An Outdoor Work Expo – What does a career in the outdoors really look like? A walk through the various jobs with the experts in the field.

November: Tree planting – Giving back to our beautiful green spaces.

December: Celebrate our hard work!!!

Where will MAP take place?

In the Mourne Area of Natural Outstanding Beauty (ANOB). We will have a suitable meeting point with transport available e.g. Donard Car Park.

Cost:

£20 to sign up to MAP and a further cost of £20 for expedition in June 2023. There may be other minor additional expenses such as, accreditation for qualifications, lunch, transport etc. however we will keep this to a minimum where possible.

ARE YOU GAME FOR THE CHALLENGE??**Then this is what you need to do NEXT...**

Tell us in 500 words (MAX) or through a short 2 minute video tell us...

- 1. What do the Mourne mean to you?**
- 2. What would make you a great Mourne Ambassador?**

Email your application to: NI@outdoorpartnership.co.uk by 1st January 2023