TEN TORS 2026 - 27 GREEN CARD - STAFF
GREEN CARD RULES FOR TRAINING ON DARTMOOR

These Rules must be followed by ALL those involved in training for Ten Tors and a copy must be carried by every walking group.

MOD, Ten Tors, and DNPA officials monitor training to ensure compliance.

Ignoring this Card may debar teams and establishments from the Event in this and future years.

Establishment Name & Code: ……

Training Event Leader's Name and Phone: ……

Off Moor Controller's (if applicable) Name & Phone: ……

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Headquarters Dartmoor Training Area (HQ DARTA) – all year: 01837 657 210

General

- The Dartmoor National Park (DNP) Byelaws are to be obeyed at all times.
- The TM is to ensure that the Ten Tors Secretary, or (if over a weekend from 10 Oct to the Event) the TTDO, is informed within 24 hours of any incident as detailed in the Rules.
- Establishment Codes are to be displayed on two A4 panels which are easily visible to ground observers.
- The Rules for Participants should be explained as part of an establishment's preparation phase training.

Planning

- TMs are to minimise the environmental impact of training, for instance by selecting locations other than the tops of tors as checkpoints or making maximum use of Public Rights of Way (PROWs) and existing paths. Consider training on areas other than Dartmoor.
- All maps must show Out Of Bounds (OOB) and rare bird nesting areas (RBNA) as detailed in the Annex A to the Rules.
- During the training period, other areas may be designated as OOB: ensure you check the Ten Tors website when planning training.
- Ensure groups only used permitted paths near Standon Farm during training.
- **From 10 Oct 26 onwards:**
    - TMs are to inform the Organisers by 0800 Wednesday each week of training for the coming weekend using the TM's dashboard; this is to assist with training compliance and environmental monitoring. Although training is not checked or monitored for safety purposes a list of planned training is provided to the emergency services and Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) to assist in the event of incident. ALL training must be logged.
- **From 1 Feb 27 onwards:**
    - Walking groups are limited within the North Moor (the area North of the Tavistock – Two Bridges – Moretonhampstead road and west of the 68 easting) to no more than 4 days training for a maximum of 12 + 2 adults per allocated team eg. establishments with 3 teams participating are not permitted more than 42 walkers.
- There is to be **no training** on Dartmoor over the Easter weekend **(26 Mar – 29 Mar 27).**
- Base camps are not permitted on the open moor. TMs must arrange for these to be located at established campsites or, with the landowner's permission, on private land. Details of landowners prepared to permit camping are on the Enjoy Dartmoor, Visit Dartmoor and Ten Tors websites.

Vehicles

- Vehicles are to have the establishment's Code clearly displayed on the dashboard.
- All non-metalled roads (including the Okehampton Range Loop Road) are OOB to vehicles unless permission is given by the TTDO or HQ DARTA.
- Off-road driving is not permitted.
- Unless parking off the road with the permission of the landowner, only designated public carparks are to be used. Be considerate of others in public carparks and leave at least half of the area for public parking.
- Thoroughfares and gateways are not to be obstructed.
- The National Park Byelaws prohibit overnight sleeping in vehicles in carparks or on roadsides.

Understand property rights

- All of Dartmoor is owned by somebody.
- Enclosed land is not to be used without the permission of the landowner unless it is a PROW or Countryside and Right of Way public access land.
- Commons and Access Land, as shown on Annex A, may be used for walking.
- Backpack camping is only permitted in the areas shown on the DNPA website .

Respect the Moor and its other users

- Tread lightly. Leave no trace. Give nature space.
- Engage with other walkers and farmers, who you meet.
- Do not enter OOB areas.
- If a track is worn do not walk alongside it as this will spread the erosion.
- Do not climb over walls or field boundaries - use gates, stiles or constructed gaps.
- Close gates irrespective of how you found them.
- Respect all ancient monuments and ruins.
- Do not disturb stones from moorland, dry stone walls or old buildings.
- Do not pollute or obstruct streams rivers & leats – they may be somebody's water supply.
- Take all litter home.
- Bury poo and toilet paper under at least 15cm of turf.
- Do not disrupt or cause a hazard to traffic.

Prevent wildfires

- Wildfires can be devastating and dangerous; do not light open fires or take naked flames near flammable areas.
- Use cooking stoves carefully.
- Farmers are permitted to conduct controlled burning to manage vegetation between 1 Oct and 31 Mar; these types of fire will be under close supervision and over relatively small areas.
- Report all uncontrolled or suspicious fires to the Fire Service on 999 immediately.

Actions on fire

- Keep calm, call 999 & ask for Fire & Rescue Service.
- Provide location 6-figure grid/map reference or What3words.
- Distance yourself from the fire and Team Leader to contact Fire Control on 03333990014 or 999 to confirm the team are distancing themselves.

Protect plants and animals

- Avoid disturbing plants, wildlife, and livestock.
- Rare Bird Nesting Areas (RBNAs) must not be entered during the period 1 Mar – 31 Jul except in emergency.
- Dogs must not be allowed to disturb animals.
- Do not feed or touch ponies or attract them to the road.
- Leave young or distressed animals alone.
- Report animals in distress or stray dogs to the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Officer on 07873 587561.

Camping

- Backpack camping locations are to be at least 100m from any building, road, or other backpack camping location and are to be within areas permitted on the DNPA website.
- Do not backpack camp in sight of a road or building.
- Backpack camping locations used for Ten Tors training must not contain more than 14 people.
- Keep noise to a minimum when camping – remember that sound travels further by night.

Ranges

- The boundaries of the 3 Range Danger Areas are shown on maps and are marked on the ground by signs on red and white posts. When red flags or lights are displayed entry is forbidden. Guaranteed public access dates and 6 weeks' notice of firing are published on the MOD website.
- Unexploded ordnance surfaces occasionally; it may be dangerous so **DO NOT TOUCH**. Mark the area and give a grid reference and description of the object to HQ DARTA.