

TEN TORS



"If there is anything more important than the will to succeed it is that the will shall not falter"

1962

MESSAGE FROM HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The success of the Ten Tors expeditions shows clearly that the spirit of adventure is still very much alive.

Living as we do in an overcrowded, highly regulated island it needs considerable ingenuity to find an outlet for this spirit.

Colonel Gregory has hit upon an idea which provides just the right mixture of challenge to the ingenuity, toughness and adventure of healthy young people.

I hope all the patrols taking part in the 1962 Ten Tors will have an interesting time and when it is over I hope they will thoroughly enjoy the sense of achievement.

1st January, 1962

TEN TORS

A Youth Expedition Across Dartmoor

(for young men and young ladies)

followed by a Jamboree

on 9th — 10th June, 1962

under the distinguished patronage of:—

The LORD LIEUTENANT OF DEVON, LORD ROBOROUGH

Major General J. H. CUBBON, C.B.E.

Brigadier Sir RALPH RAYNER

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Lieut. Col. L. H. M. GREGORY, M.B.E.

Sponsored by:

The Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals

DENBURY

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Of the many purposes the ancient and historic wilderness of Dartmoor serves, including its less palatable associations, none could be more valuable or popular than its national adoption as a playground for adventure and a sanctuary for all who seek a little natural leisure and fresh air away from city and town, office and classroom.

Dartmoor possesses an agelessness that is mystifying, and a magical quality that arrests the attention of the bold in spirit and young in heart. To say "I spent the night camping on Dartmoor," or that "I walked across Dartmoor," is to claim a distinction at once significant and honourable in the field of adventure.

According to its seasonal mood, Dartmoor can be breath-takingly beautiful or severely barren, awe-inspiring and frightening or calm and reassuring, and over its three hundred square miles of moss, peat, heather and swamp, there is to be found every shape and size of hill or tor, sharply defined by the winding streams of the Dart, the Tavy, the Plym and many others. Yes Tor is the highest of the Tors and over 2,000 feet above sea level, but there are a great many more nearly as high and equally formidable. Under a blanket of mist or in the dark, in the rain or in the snow, the challenge magnifies itself to alarming proportions.

For many years young people have found their way to Dartmoor to hike and camp and to enjoy all the good things that nature has to provide, and to revel in the discovery of a prehistoric flint arrow head, or to come across a stone row or hut circle, and to appreciate that it has been there for three thousand years.

These regular skirmishes by boys and girls from all over the country, and all the advantages enjoyed by Junior Leaders of the services stationed in the precincts of Dartmoor and its influence, led inevitably to a meeting point that crystallized into an expedition known as "Ten Tors."

The first attempt at this gathering of youth was sponsored by The Junior Leaders Regiment of Royal Signals stationed at Denbury in South Devon, and was supported by entries from the three services. On September 15th, 1960, patrols from the Navy, Army and Air Force, totalling a modest number of 21, including one civilian patrol, set off from Haytor, and about one-third of this number completed the course successfully.

From this pilot run in 1960 many lessons in control and organization were learned. The number in each patrol was reduced from ten to six and the upper and lower age limits widened. A shorter course was included for the younger entrants and girls, and participation in the management of Ten Tors was extended to the three services, including the Women's Services.

The fruits of honest endeavour were realised in 1961 when 156 patrols camped at Denbury before the start of the expedition, and of the total field a good sixty per cent. completed the course successfully. Now the aim is to develop the venture to the largest manageable number, consistent with maintaining a high standard of organisation, and to encourage patrols from the continent to participate.

Three separate courses have been selected for 1962 to cater for each age group from 14-16, 16-18 and 18-20. Only one tor (Haytor) and the finish is to be common to all three courses, which means that a total of 27 tors have been plotted ranging over the whole expanse of Dartmoor.

Ten Tors is not a challenge or competition of man against man, but an adventure, demanding careful planning, imagination, skilful navigation, endurance and unselfish team work. The success of each individual contributes decisively to the success of the patrol, and the failure of any one member spells failure for the whole.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. THE AIM

To encourage teams of young men and teams of young ladies to take part in an expedition across Dartmoor.

2. OUTLINE PLAN

Entry—open to patrols of six between the ages of 14 and 20 years.

Entrance Fee—£4 for each patrol payable by 1st MARCH, 1962.

The organisers regret that it has proved necessary to increase the fee to £4, owing to the increased distance from the finish to DENBURY.

Distance—Three courses :

35 miles for girls, and boys aged 14—16 years.

50 miles for boys aged 16—18 years.

60 miles for young men aged 18—20 years.

Time—36 hours including 10 hours compulsory rest.

Jamboree—11 a.m. to Midnight on 11th June, 1962.

3. THE MECHANICS

- a. The Mechanics will be simple, involving no more expense than the total contribution received from all competitors. The entrance fee from each patrol of six—including the patrol leader—will be £4. This will cover transport to and from the expedition and a meal afterwards. The only accommodation offered will be a piece of ground to set up base camp. Water and latrines will also be available.

- b. All patrols must arrive at Denbury Camp by 15.00 hours on 8th June, 1962.
- c. Patrols will leave Denbury for Haytor (the starting point) as directed between 05.00 and 07.30 hours on 9th June, 1962.
- d. Patrols will be released from Haytor at 08.00 hours on 9th June to a fanfare of trumpets and after the singing of the National Anthem.
- e. By 20.00 hours on 10th June, all patrols should have completed the course, and the time taken by each patrol will be made known for the general interest of all taking part. There is, however, no question of the expedition being organised on competitive lines.

4. THE EXPEDITION

- a. Patrols will walk a course across Dartmoor calling at Ten Tors.
- b. All competitors will travel by bus from Denbury Camp to Haytor and this will be the starting point of the expedition.
- c. At Haytor, patrol leaders will receive a sealed envelope containing a map of Dartmoor.
- d. Each team must then check the route to be taken, and set off.
- e. At every one of the Ten Tors there will be a check-point, wireless post, and first aid facilities.
- f. At each check-point patrol captains will report their patrols present, and hand in their route cards for stamping.
- g. To qualify in the expedition it will be necessary to complete the course in 36 hours, and each member of a qualifying team will receive a medal.

5. THE CONDITIONS

- a. Patrols must carry all they need for the entire journey. Only water may be obtained en route.
- b. There will be no marching between 20.00 and 06.00 hours, and all patrols must camp during these hours.
- c. Each patrol of boys will carry sufficient of the following for all its members :—
Sleeping Bags or Blankets, Ground Sheets, Food, Cooking Equipment, Toilet Kit, Compass and Protractors, other miscellaneous items they may wish to carry.
- d. Patrols of girls will carry Food, Cooking Equipment, Spare Clothes, and Toilet Kit. Tents, Blankets and Ground Sheets will be provided at their camp site.

- e. NO LITTER WILL BE LEFT, STREAMS AND RIVERS WILL NOT BE POLLUTED. NO FIRES WILL BE LIT.
- f. ANIMALS, ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND WALLS WILL BE LEFT UNDISTURBED.
- g. NO TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OR LAND MARKED IN BLACK ON THE PATROL MAP.
- h. Should it be necessary to open a gate, the gate will be fastened after the patrol has passed through.
- i. The highest standard of courtesy, consideration, and good manners is expected from all competitors.
- j. The boundary control officials wearing white arm bands will assist patrols to keep off unauthorised ground.
- k. All patrols participating in the Ten Tors expedition must be properly trained and equipped. Each individual must be medically fit.

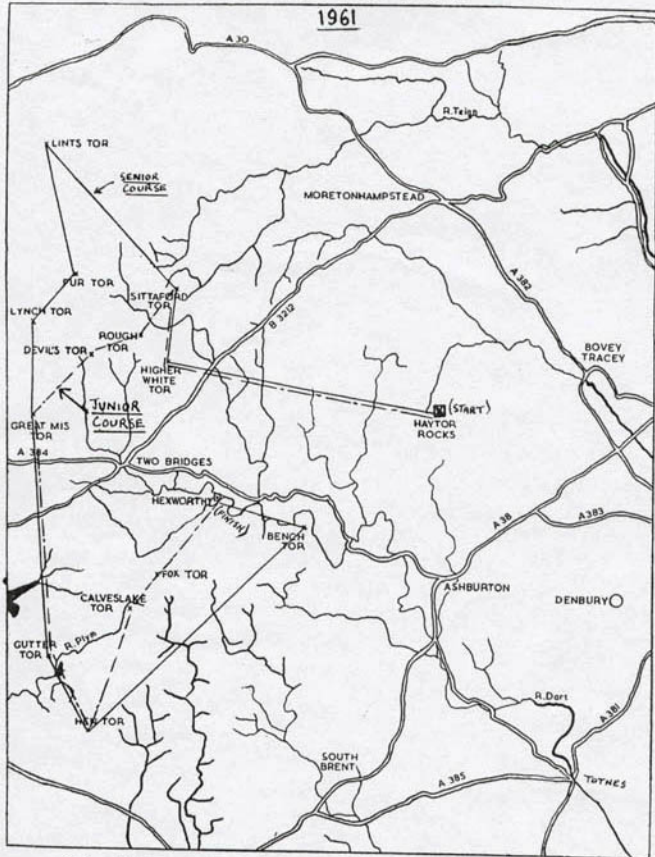
An infringement of any of the regulations enumerated above will render a patrol liable to disqualification.

THE JAMBOREE

- a. Throughout the day of 11th June, 1962, a Youth Jamboree will be held in Denbury Camp, culminating in a floodlit display.
- b. A Ten Tors Ball will be held in the evening, and will include folk dancing, modern dancing and jiving.
- c. Refreshment stalls and ice cream kiosks will function throughout the day.
- d. Refreshments cannot be free, but will be provided on a "non-profit" basis.
- e. Photographs of Dartmoor and the 1962 Expedition taken by Junior Leaders, and copies of various works on Dartmoor including the *Outline of the Dartmoor Story* by Sylvia Sayer will be available in the Thrift Shop.
- f. Special transport arrangements will be made between Denbury and Newton Abbot with the Devon General Omnibus Company. Details of these will be published on the Central Notice Board, DENBURY CROSS.
- g. The arrangements for all the above will be the responsibility of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals.

THE EXPEDITION

1961



N.B. This map shows the 1961 courses. The 1962 courses will cover a similar area.

APPLICATION FORM

Send to

The Secretary, Ten Tors, Denbury Camp, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
(Not later than 1st March, 1962)

Name of Club/Unit

We will be entering.....patrols for the TEN TORS in 1962,

and we hope to arrive in Denbury at on.....

Enclosed herewith is postal order/cheque for.....pounds entrance fee for.....patrols.

..... and particulars of the patrol/patrols is/are attached.

Full Names in BLOCK CAPITALS :—

1. (Captain)..... Age.....
2. Age.....
3. Age.....
4. Age.....
5. Age.....
6. Age.....

Signed..... Date.....1962

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ABOVE: After Major-General J. H. Cribbin had landed by helicopter (above right) for the start of the expedition, the junior cadets' footprints, in several lines, showed a path on the rock. BELOW: Four girls from the Teignmouth Venturers youth club join the march.



Pictures by South Devon Journal photographers.



TEN TORS TREK



ABOVE: Don't let the "L" fool you. The rest of the outfit, particularly the boots, was just the ticket for a two-day hike across the last great wilderness of England. RIGHT: Andrew Abrah, Steve Traver and Stephen King (left) of the expedition. The way was the toughest, team on track.



LEFT: The Ashburton County Secondary School had to hike and run on the moor. The boys had been practising for the meet for the past six weeks. ABOVE: The boys leave from the Teignmouth Venturers' ward during the youngest competition.

THEY called it the largest single gathering of youth ever to witness a military expedition in the county. Nearly 1,000 teenage boys and girls set off from Hapton in the grey dawn of Saturday morning. Their well-aid aim, to link round a 50-mile course, according to media descriptions, gave them at the start.

The Junior Leaders' Regiment (Devon County) sponsored the 24-hour Ten Tors Expedition for over 100 teams. The majority were entered by Service units—some from as far as Cornwall and South Devon obliged in with a number of public school boys and youth club patrols. There was a slightly less strenuous course for the 40 girls taking part. (See story, page 7.)

TEN TORS RESULTS

Teams	1960		1961	
	Entered	Completed	Entered	Completed
Girls	—	—	11	8
Boys (under 16)	—	—	16	9
Civilians	1	1	32	16
R.N. & R.M.	4	2	8	7
J.L. Units and Apprentices	4	1	35	14
Army & T.A.	—	—	15	3
R.A.F.	2	2	19	14
Denbury	10	1	20	12



TEN TORS PRAYER

“O God, Who has made the Earth of wondrous beauty, and implanted in Man the Spirit for Adventure, we thank Thee, for the beauty of the earth, for the joy of life, for the courage and vigour of youth, for friendship and friends, and the opportunity to enjoy all these gifts. Go, we pray Thee, with all who today set forth on this Great Adventure among the Tors of this ancient moorland. And grant that, overcoming every frailty, we may meet each challenge and difficulty with unselfish courage, and in the companionship of honest endeavour, find that spirit of true brotherhood which alone can serve our God, our Queen, and our generation. . . .”

AMEN.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Ten Tors Expedition is conducted in friendly association with the Hundred Miles International Four Day Marches which are held annually at NIJMEGEN, HOLLAND, in which venture the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Signals has participated successfully over the past three years. This association has the approval of the Burgomaster and people of NIJMEGEN and the organisers of the NIJMEGEN Marches. It has been entered into in the sincere hope that youth exchanges will take place every year between NIJMEGEN and South Devon and that thereby the spirit and progress of these two ventures may be forever linked in friendship and co-operation.

*“ . . . Still through Chaos works on the ancient plan,
And two things have altered not since first the world began –
The beauty of the wild green earth
And the bravery of man.”*

P. P. CAMERON WILSON