

Aim of the Venture

The Aim of the venture should be considered in the early planning stages and should relate to the interests and abilities of those taking part.

Participants may wish to focus on:

- the environment in which the journey is taking place
- practical first-hand observations, investigation or study
- aesthetic appreciation
- literary or historic journeys
- the completion of a physically demanding challenge
- group dynamics

Activity

- ? 6hrs of planned activity each day
- ? combination of journeying and exploring
- ? at least half of the minimum daytime hours should be spent journeying
- ? make observations and recordings for their review and presentation
- ? recording of information based on actual observations
- ? Teams may prefer to spend less time journeying in order to explore the environment in greater depth. On each day of the venture at least half of the minimum daily hours of planned activity should still be spent journeying
- ? exploration must be planned in advance and incorporated at appropriate points on the route plan.

So What are you going to do?

- ? You need to carry an A5 hard bound note book, for:
 - o Sketched plans
 - o Head counts, of people on a particular activity
 - o Produce artistic sketches of aspects of your journey pertinent to purpose
- ? Disposable camera
 - o for planned shots
- ? Questionnaire
 - Pre written

Now this is really important, from the above suggested activities, and ideas of your own, produce a plan to utilise 6hrs of your time, 3 hours each day, research your planned purpose. Otherwise you will be wasting your time when the external assessor comes & when you send of your finished folio to the county governing board.

Eg:

Purpose of venture:

‘To assess the impact of the Tarka Cycle Trail on the surround population’.

Activity:

- ? Cycling, 3 hours per day along Tarka trail.
Leaving a minimum of 3hrs exploration to do on top of this.
- ? Daily exploration to fulfil aim:
 - o Take photos of businesses benefiting from the cycle trail. 0:10
 - o Take photos of key points along the trip. 0:10
 - o Make notes in my journal, detailing where I have taken photos & sketches, explaining why I have taken the photo + key points about the feature, map ref. 0:30
 - o Mark on the map where, photos have been taken. 0:05
 - o Pick up small artefacts along the route to use in my folio, at key points where I take photos. 0:10
 - o At 3 points each day (10am, 1pm & 4pm), for 30 mins. Record the number of people I see using the Tarka trail, taking note of the different age groups & activities they are engaged in. 1:30
 - o Produce at least 3 sketches each day of aspects of the trip. 0:45

Total time spent recording aspects of my trip 3:15

Make a plan similar to this, to justify to your assessor the short time you are walking.