



EAST SUSSEX NETWORK

Steve Allen: County Scout Network Commissioner

Overland Hike — March 25/26th 2006

We have been asked to help with the Overland hike by forming search teams for any teams that may get lost. If you are able to help with the

Overland hike on either Saturday March 25th or Sunday March 26th, or even better still on both days please let me know so that I can collate

names into teams of 4. If you have 3 mates you would prefer to form a team with that fine, but I need to know.

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Dates for your Diary

17/19 March: Caving trip to Mendips

We are organizing a caving trip to the mendips. The cost of the trip is likely to be £8 plus transport and food. As we are limited to how many people can go caving at one time this event may be a Friday night/Saturday event or a whole weekend. Depends upon numbers.

25/26 March: Overland Hike

See above

2/4 June: Camp/Climbing Wall

Camp at Broadstone with climbing at the Evolution climbing wall, Crowborough on the Saturday. Futher details to follow nearer the time.

28th October: Outdoor Party

Strictly 18+ on this one. We are planning a outdoor party in a farmers field. More details nearer the time.

Summer 2007

There will be plenty going on in 2007 as we will be celebrating 100 years of Scouting, but at the moment I am considering additionally a week high level mountain walking in the Pyrenees with another week in a local gite or similar. Again I need to know if this appeals.

13th to 15th April 2007

National Network Gathering.

Hadrians Wall Expedition

The Real McCoy unit in Peacehaven went on a Expedition along Hadrians Wall.
Read all about their exploits here.

At last! A story about Network that doesn't involve being drunk and humiliation! But don't worry it will be just, if not more, interesting!

In June 2005, some of the Real Macoy Network group walked along the 85 Mile Hadrian's Wall footpath, with the





The Wall

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My thanks to Dale Shepherd, the Co-ordinator for The Real McCoy Network Group who submitted this article along with the photographs.

Hadrians Wall Expedition (Continued)

help of a support vehicle driven by Sam. We completed the walk in five days, starting off in Bowness-on-Solway, which was walking through flat farmland terrain and postcard villages, then taking us up onto the Pennine way and finishing by following the river Tyne through Newcastle-upon Tyne.

We arrived at the starting point, and the first thing we did was pop into the local pub. Unfortunately it wasn't for a cool, crisp, refreshing beer, but to get the first stamp on our Hadrian Wall Passports. The landlady wasn't keen on us only getting tap water though!

The walking was mainly along roadsides, which isn't that interesting, but to make it more fun, we prayed to passing cars.

The day went without a hitch until we set up camp. I found out I had left my sleeping bag in the hallway at home! I won't be making that mistake again, it was cold that night!

After getting up early and making breakfast we made our way back to the path. This was another day of flat terrain, but this time we were following the river through Carlisle. Today was the day we learnt the new hike sport of 'Intermetzo'.

Intermetzo – The rules

- 1) Any Player can shout out Intermetzo**
- 2) All player then have to dance like loons**
- 3) The players can only stop dancing when a player says stop.**
- 4) The player who started by saying Intermetzo can not say stop.**

Funny looks abound.

The third day was when we came across the big hills!



Practicing the new craze : Intermetzo

The Pennine Way and Hadrian's Wall Path merge to become one path. This was the day with the most interesting walks and spectacular views. It was beautiful, but a lot harder compared to the last two days. At times the path was busy with people, but at others it was just us and the sheep, whom we started to feel a bond with. So much that when we saw a poor sheep stuck on its back in distress, Dave 'the sheep rescuer' Heath, ran over and rolled it back onto its legs, saving the day.

The final day was a bit of an anti-climax, the whole of the last day was following the Tyne river through the city of Newcastle-upon Tyne. At the end there was the Roman fort which we looked around and gave us all the history of the wall and the Roman occupation of Britain. The best part of the

expedition was the third day when the Path merged with the Pennine Way. It gave us the most interesting and beautiful walks and scenery; it also had the remains of the wall along most of it. If you want to walk along a variety of terrains and you don't mind going along side the road then this is the long distance path for you. But if you want something with a bit more of a challenging terrain then try the Pennine Way, you will even get to see some of the wall.

If you want to see more Hadrian Wall pictures go to

www.design-portal.co.uk/network



Dave, Dale, Lee, Ant, Cham and Andy, who
"Walked the Wall".