



# Race to the Castle

## FAQs



### Who is the event for?

Ranger, young leaders and their leaders

### What is included?

- A badge
- Challenge pack

### What will the challenges be?

The challenge pack contains a mix of different challenges, which teams can do to earn points. The challenges are themed but do not have to be completed in a particular location. We are hoping to release the challenge pack by the end of March to help teams with their planning. This will be emailed when you have booked onto the event.

### Are the departure dates flexible?

Yes, this depends on what works best for your unit.

### Is there a maximum/minimum number of nights?

The earliest start date is 26 October. There is no minimum number of nights.

If you are combining this event with Capture the Castle, you must be in Edinburgh by 9am Saturday 2 November.

### Will there be maximum/minimum numbers per team?

No, follow the needs of your unit. We'd recommend groups of 4-7 and for larger groups to split if possible.

### What is the cost of attending this event?

The event costs £10 for all participants - Rangers/young leaders and adults.

The rest of the cost is to be determined by each unit, depending on their travel choice.

### How do we book for this event?

Booking for this event will be online, from 29 February 2024 you may request places. You must request the exact number of places you require. Please do not overbook.

At the time of requesting your places you will be asked:

- Your contact details
- How many places you would like to request for:  
Rangers / young leaders aged 14 – 17.  
leaders/helpers aged 18 or over.

Once you have submitted your request, you will be contacted by Girlguiding Midlands to confirm your booking.

Nearer the time of the event, you will be asked for further details such as the membership numbers and specific requirements of the individuals attending.

### **How do we pay for this event?**

Once you have been informed your request for places has been successful you will have **7 days**, or by the final payment date – whichever is the earliest date, to send the full payment for the number of places you have requested by bank transfer or cheque.

For both bank transfers and cheques, you **MUST** include the reference **EJ** followed by the membership number of the person booking e.g. **[JB12345678]**

If making a bank transfer the account details are as below:

- Account name: Guide Ass Mids Events
- Sort Code: 30-92-15
- Account number: 19655768
- Reference: (see above)

Cheques must be made payable to Guide Association Midlands Events

You will receive an email from Girlguiding Midlands confirming receipt of your payment.

Failure to make payment within 7 days, or by the final payment date – whichever is the earliest date, will result in your places being released.

### **When do bookings close?**

Bookings close on **31 July 2024** or when the event is fully booked.

### **Can Rangers/young leaders with lead away permit go without an adult leader?**

The event team are not putting that restriction on. However, they will likely be in unknown cities and towns, so it is discouraged. Ultimately it is down to the individual groups and whomever signs off the REN form.

### **Can children of volunteers attend this event?**

This event is for Ranger, young leaders and their leaders in the first instance and we want to ensure that as many of them as possible can attend.

Please refer to our booking policy for our policy on leaders' children. All requests for places for children of volunteers must be made via the Girlguiding Midlands region office and **NOT** included on the booking form.

There is no guarantee that places will be available.

### **How many adults can we book places for?**

Minimum adult:child ratios must be maintained as per Girlguiding HQ's policy.

Additional places will be available for adults attending with a group.

### **Do members over the age of 18 need a DBS & safe space?**

All members over the age of 18 attending the event in a leadership capacity must have gone through Girlguiding's recruitment checks and have a corresponding role on GO.

### **Can we cancel or change our booking?**

Please refer to the Girlguiding Midlands bookings terms and conditions, found on the website.

### Can we combine this with Capture the Castle?

Yes – there are two options available for this trip, you can choose when booking. There are a limited number of places available for accommodation, on a first come first serve basis.

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| Option 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accommodation for two nights in a centrally located hostel (01-03 Nov)</li><li>• Food NOT included</li><li>• Monopoly challenge</li><li>• Badge<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- £85 per person</li><li>- £55 for leaders in ratio</li><li>- £85 for over ratio leaders and adult teams</li></ul></li></ul> | Option 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No accommodation</li><li>• Monopoly challenge</li><li>• Badge<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- £15 per person</li></ul></li></ul> |
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### If we are combining the two events, do we have to pay for both?

Yes – they are two separate events and need to book and pay separately.

**If you have any other questions, please contact the Girlguiding Midlands office on 01530 412 703, or [midlands.headoffice@girlguiding-midlands.org.uk](mailto:midlands.headoffice@girlguiding-midlands.org.uk)**