



Capture the Dragon frequently asked questions

Join us for a unique Monopoly Challenge around the fabulous city of Cardiff. Teams will complete challenges all across the city to earn points and 'capture the dragon'. Think massive wide game across the whole of the city!

While Capture the Dragon will be a competitive wide game, the key aims of the event are for teams of Guides and Rangers to:

- explore Cardiff
- have fun
- work together
- meet other members of Girlguiding from around the region

What are the dates of the event?

The main challenge takes place on Saturday 25 October 2025.

What is the cost of the event?

£15 per Guide/Ranger, £5 per leader

Included in the cost is: participation in the event, and a badge.

Travel, accommodation and food is not included in the cost.

If you wish to participate in the Race to the Dragon event, you must book onto that event separately and pay the associated cost.

What is the payment deadline?

28 days after booking confirmation

Do we need a going away with qualification or any other training?

Yes, if you are staying over, as with any residential, one leader per unit will need the relevant going away with qualification or be working towards it. All leaders will need the relevant level of safe space training/safer guiding and one leader per unit will need a Girlguiding approved 1st response qualification. All volunteers need an in-date DBS and be members on GO. All groups who are staying over will need to complete a REN and risk assessment.

Do you have any recommendations for accommodation?

There are lots of different types of accommodation available in Cardiff. You may also need to look further afield, e.g. Swansea/Bristol and travel into Cardiff.

Is catering being offered?

No, catering is not offered as part of the event.

Is transport included? Do you have any tips or support?

Transport to/from Cardiff is not included in the cost of the event. Units will need to book and pay for their own transport.

Advance fare train tickets go on sale 12 weeks before travel.

Check out railcards: friends and family (up to 4 adults and 4 u16s) and Groupsave tickets (up to 9 adults) for 30-60% off ticket prices.

National Express coaches are a cheaper alternative to the train.

Depending on the challenges you choose to complete, you may also need to pay for transport (e.g. bus, tram, train) around Cardiff. Day tickets are available.

If we came on the train is it walkable from the station?

Many of the challenges are within the city centre and can all be accessed on foot/by wheelchair but others will require bus or train to travel to them. Your team can plan their own day based on your own preferences/budget.

If members of our team are not very mobile but do not have protected characteristics will that disadvantage our team?

Will travel beyond walking be needed for the monopoly event? E.g. the train.

The wide game involves a variety of challenges. It has been purposefully designed with a range of mobility/access needs in mind so there should be plenty for all teams to choose from and challenge themselves at their own level.

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What are the approximate timings for Saturday? Is there anything planned for Friday or Sunday?

The main challenge will take place on Saturday 25 October 2025. It will run from approximately 11am until 4:30pm (this is subject to change). We are planning an evening event with entertainment for the Saturday – details of this will be available soon. There is nothing planned for Friday and Sunday – you might use these as travel days. You can plan your own fun on those days.

Will there be anything happening in the evening of the event?

We are planning a celebration event during the evening – more details to follow soon. Approximate timings 6:30pm – 8:30pm (this is subject to change)

Can we just come for the day of the event?

Definitely. Cardiff is close to the south-west of the region so you may well be able to travel to Cardiff and back in the day as well as taking part in the challenge.

What does the challenge involve?

Based on the board game Monopoly, teams will plan their day to visit various sights/attractions and complete different challenges. These locations and challenges will be grouped based on distance and difficulty under the Monopoly property colours. Teams will earn points for each of the challenges they complete. There will be plenty of options, nobody will be able to complete all of the challenges within the time available.

Throughout the day, bonus challenges will become available for extra points.

We are aiming to send out the challenge booklet ahead of the event so that you can plan with your day with your girls.

Is there a minimum or maximum team size? Does a leader have to be with each team (particularly Rangers)?

As organisers, we aren't imposing restrictions to team sizes, as long as Girlguiding ratios are followed. You know your girls better than us but we are highly recommending that all teams have a leader with them. Guides and Rangers remain your responsibility for the duration of the event.

If you are a particularly large group, we recommend splitting into smaller groups e.g. no more than 10.

Can we take part in both Race to the Dragon and Capture the Dragon?

Definitely! The events are designed so that you can take part in both. However, if you are attending both events you need to book and pay for each event separately.