

Set off on a digital treasure hunt

Take your young people on an exciting digital treasure hunt, making full use of their Scouting and tracking skills.

(Online activity)

Suitable for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers



You will need

- Four camera phones featuring photo editing software like Adobe Photoshop, or four conventional cameras and access to Microsoft Word
- If the groups will be using conventional cameras, you'll need a printer too
- Treasure! (Four small prizes for each group to hunt for)

Instructions

1. Divide your young people into four groups.
2. Explain to the groups that they are going to set off on a photographic walking route around the meeting place while following a few instructions.
3. At each major turning point, they should capture an image to mark the change in direction.
4. The groups should keep track of directions in one of two ways:
 - If they are using a camera phone with photo editing software, the young people can apply an overlay of an arrow to show the direction they have turned. They can then save the photo on the phone.
 - If they are using more conventional cameras the young people should take note of each turn as they shift directions. Once they return to the meeting place, they can upload the photos they have taken and, using Microsoft Word, paste

arrows onto the photos to show map-readers how to accurately retrace their route. They should then print these pictures for another group to use.

5. Inform your young people that they should make about four or five turns on their route to keep the hunt interesting and suitably challenging.
6. When they reach the final turn, each group should hide a small prize for one of the other groups to find.
7. Once everyone has finished editing their photos, featuring the arrows that mark out the relevant turning points, they should swap their photo collections with another group. Remind those who have printed their images that they should be sure to keep the photos in the correct order.
8. Armed with their photographic instructions, each group should follow the photographic route they've received to ultimately find the treasure.

TIME NEEDED

40-50 minutes

THIS ACTIVITY LINKS WITH THE FOLLOWING BADGE



Digital Citizen Badge

Outcomes

The young people will learn how to edit photos on a mobile phone or personal computer and see how technology can enhance tracking methods.