

XPLORER

What is Xplorer?

Xplorer is a fun family challenge aimed at primary and pre-school children and their parents, grandparents and guardians.

Imagine an activity you can do with all the family (not just drop off the kids and go shopping or read a book)! Imagine an activity where it doesn't matter how young, old or fit you are (you can run, walk or jog at your own pace)! Finally imagine the excitement of a scavenger hunt in the woods, or a treasure hunt in your local park. That's us!



Children will enjoy using a simple map to try and find secret animals, and interesting facts pictured on markers hidden around the park. They can run or walk the courses and can choose to time themselves against the clock for an additional competition.

Xplorer is a fun navigational challenge and involves a healthy mix of physical activity and decision making. Kids love the excitement of searching for secret animal markers using a simple map of the park to find their way.

Xplorer will:

- Help you to engage local families in multi-generational outdoor physical activity.
- Increase footfall in your parks, house grounds or open spaces.
- Encourage visitors to Xplore the whole site.
- Improve secondary spend in park facilities.



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Xplorer partners benefit from:

Xplorer Starter Kit

- 2 sets of 15 challenge 1 markers (Cartoon Animals)
- 2 sets of 10 challenge 2 markers (Images and multiple choice questions)
- Xplorer answer sheets
- Full colour stickers featuring Xplorer animals
- Full colour Xplorer certificates
- Customer feedback cards
- Xplorer registration sheets
- Gripples/cable ties for fixing Xplorer markers in place
- 2 Xplorer T-shirts for delivery staff
- 2 Xplorer Hoodies for delivery staff
- 2m Xplorer Sail flag
- 'In The Park This Weekend' Vinyl banner

Operational Support

- Park locations surveyed and mapped to Xplorer standards.
- Technical and operational Xplorer training at a suitable location.
- Detailed Xplorer event delivery manual.
- An experienced member of the British Orienteering team assisting with your first event.
- Bespoke online portal for map creation.
- Support to engage local orienteering club(s) and transition Xplorers to traditional orienteering.
- A dedicated British Orienteering Participation Officer to provide ongoing strategic and operational support.
- Continuous feedback and improvement process.

Marketing Support

- Support to develop your marketing strategy.
- Access to professional, customisable and affordable marketing materials.
- National website and event finder.
- Social media promotion.

Partners retain all income generated from Xplorer delivery

Partner Requirements

- Events run in line with Xplorer guidelines (minimum 6 events per map between April and September)
- Suitable park locations for Xplorer.
- Staff or volunteers to deliver Xplorer events
- Collation and submission of participation data.
- Continuous feedback from both customers and deliverers.

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Location:

Xplorer should be delivered in open, accessible areas such as a park with places (benches, trees etc) available for markers. Ideal locations are parks, or sections of Country Parks.

The location should have high footfall and be a family friendly area. It should ideally have onsite café, toilets, parking and public transport links. It is also beneficial if the location has other family friendly activities on site such as a playground, other sport and leisure facilities etc

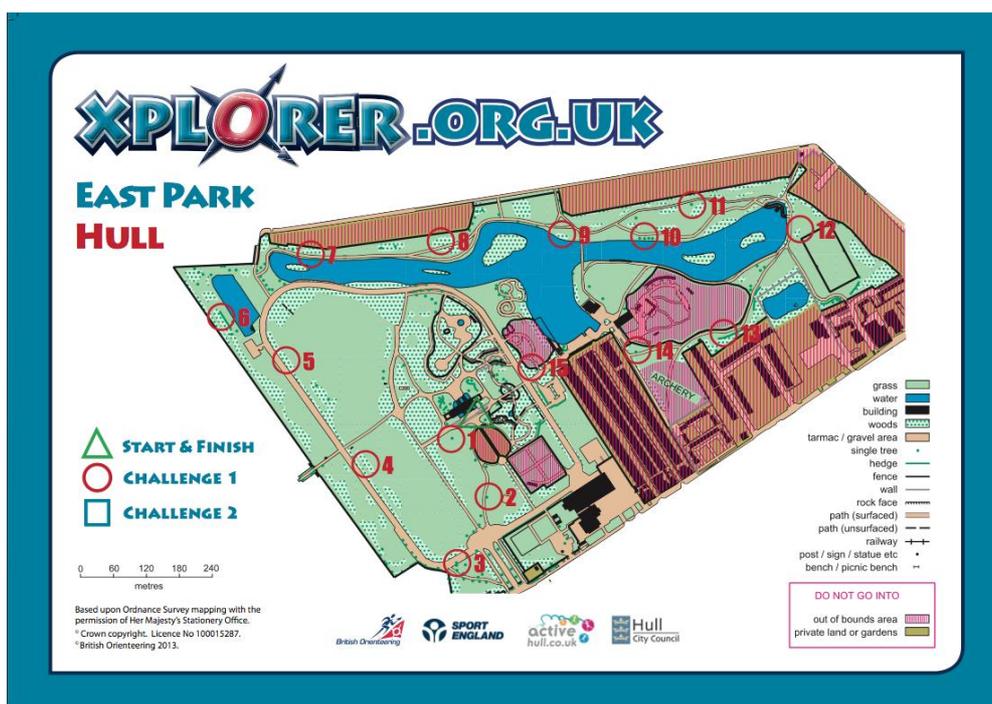
Timings:

Xplorer should take place at weekends or midweek during the school holidays. Xplorer is held for a minimum of two hours, but there is no reason why it could not be held all day if staff/volunteer resources allows for this. Xplorer requires staff or volunteers to man the start and finish point at all times during the event.

Xplorer Map:

Once agreed Xplorer locations will be mapped by an experienced British Orienteering mapper. Xplorer maps are a simplified version of a traditional orienteering map with simplified colouring and a reduced amount of symbols.

The maps are uploaded onto an online portal where you can access them to drag and drop where you would like the markers to be placed. This allows you to make as many variations of the maps as you wish. They can then be downloaded as pdf and printed.



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Markers:

Children, parents and grandparents alike enjoy finding our brightly coloured selection of Xplorer markers. The markers are A6 in size and made of hard wearing plastic.

Challenge 1 plaques are cartoon animals and contain an interesting fact. There are 15 plaques in each set. The numeric order of the markers creates a circular/loop course.

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Elephants are the largest land mammal in the world.

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Ladybirds smell with their feet.

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Dogs can hear sounds four times further away than humans.

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Challenge 2 plaques are pictures and contain multiple choice questions. There are 10 plaques in each set. The markers are placed sporadically creating a 'zig-zag' course.

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The snowdrop has lots of local names. Which one of the following is made up?

A: Snow piercer
B: White fairy
C: Dingle dangle

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Puffins live on grassy cliff tops by the sea in vast colonies that can contain up to?

A: One thousand birds
B: One million birds
C: Two million birds

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Known locally as the "wigen tree" the rowan was often planted near farm houses to?

A: Protect from witches
B: Feed pigs
C: Protect from the wind

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In addition to the above sets there are themed sets available for Easter, Halloween and Christmas events.

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Placement of Markers:

Xplorer markers should be placed on obvious features, structures or landmarks around the park e.g. benches, lampposts, trees etc.

The plaques are designed to be put up and taken down and not a permanent fixture in the park. **Markers should be taken down at the end of each Xplorer event.**

Registration:

Participants will register online in advance or on the day. Information required will be:

Family Name

Number of children and adults

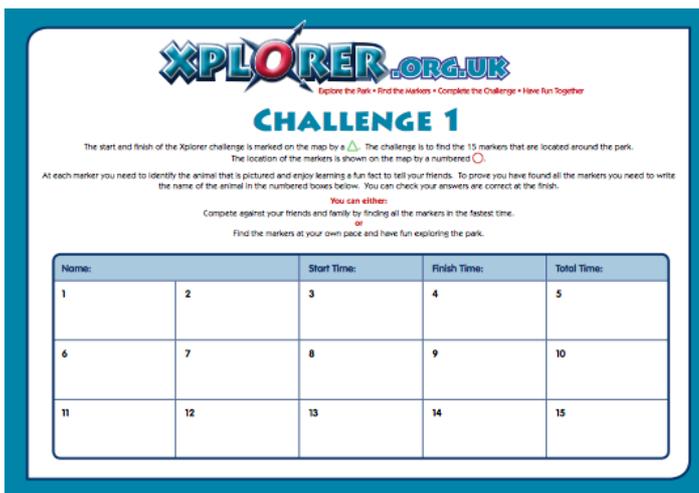
Gender

Email address (for signposting purpose only)

Postcode

Participant Equipment:

Map, answer sheet, pen - given to participants when they register.



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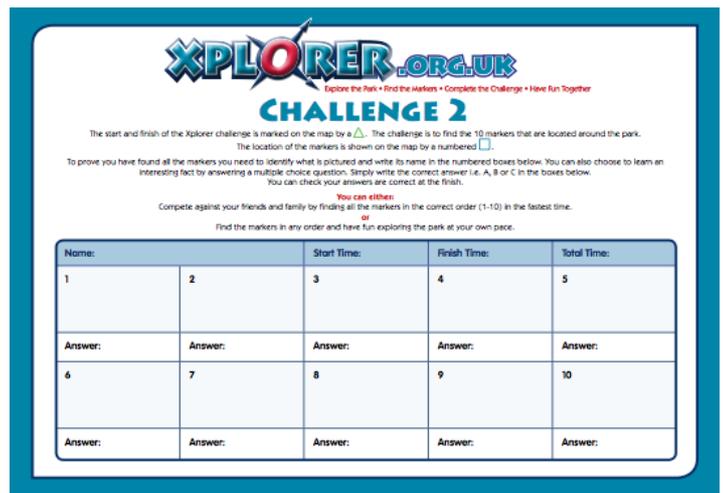
CHALLENGE 1

The start and finish of the Xplorer challenge is marked on the map by a Δ . The challenge is to find the 15 markers that are located around the park.
The location of the markers is shown on the map by a numbered \square .

At each marker you need to identify the animal that is pictured and enjoy learning a fun fact to tell your friends. To prove you have found all the markers you need to write the name of the animal in the numbered boxes below. You can check your answers are correct at the finish.

You can either:
Compete against your friends and family by finding all the markers in the fastest time.
or
Find the markers at your own pace and have fun exploring the park.

Name:		Start Time:	Finish Time:	Total Time:
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15



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CHALLENGE 2

The start and finish of the Xplorer challenge is marked on the map by a Δ . The challenge is to find the 10 markers that are located around the park.
The location of the markers is shown on the map by a numbered \square .

To prove you have found all the markers you need to identify what is pictured and write its name in the numbered boxes below. You can also choose to learn an interesting fact by answering a multiple choice question. Simply write the correct answer i.e. A, B or C in the boxes below.
You can check your answers are correct at the finish.

You can either:
Compete against your friends and family by finding all the markers in the correct order (1-10) in the fastest time.
or
Find the markers in any order and have fun exploring the park at your own pace.

Name:		Start Time:	Finish Time:	Total Time:
1	2	3	4	5
Answer:	Answer:	Answer:	Answer:	Answer:
6	7	8	9	10
Answer:	Answer:	Answer:	Answer:	Answer:

Challenge:

Xplorer provides two different challenges per event. Participants navigate around the course or courses and write down what they see on the marker, depending on which challenge they are participating in. The answers will be available for 'self-marking' at the finish, but there is no penalisation for incorrect answers. This is for fun. **All participants receive a certificate and sticker on completion of the course.**

Cost:

There is no requirement to charge however Xplorer has a recommended price of £1 per map and a maximum of £2.50 per map, all profit is retained by the Xplorer partner.

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