



## Leader's Guide

To help Companies adapt their programme to the outdoors and to encourage groups to make the most of being outside this Spring / Summer, we are excited to launch our 'Go Wild Challenge'.

### What is the Go Wild Challenge?

Go Wild is a series of challenges designed to help children and young people get outdoors and adventurous, whilst working towards awards. With the country carefully coming out of lockdown, but with restrictions and limitations still in place, Go Wild is part of our encouragement to take your programme outdoors this summer.

### What are the challenges?

Go Wild has a wide range of challenges, covering a variety of different activity areas. The challenges have been split into under and over 11's, helping to keep the activities interesting and age appropriate. Some examples are:

**Under 11's** – Leaf tiles, 40-40 in, Bug traps, Forest obstacles, Tracking, Seed bombs and more

**Over 11's** – Assault course, Outdoor cooking, Pioneering, What 3 Words challenge, Camouflage and more.

We have provided 25 challenges for under 11's and 20 challenges for over 11's, using a variety of different locations, equipment, skill levels and duration. Within the challenges should be plenty of activities for your group to pick up and try, however there is also the option to add in your own challenges should you wish to.

### How Do I Use the Go Wild Challenge?

The Go Wild Challenge has been designed for Leaders to incorporate into their summer programme. Leaders are encouraged to try and include the challenges over the summer term, slowly ticking off the different activities and working through the awards.

Whilst the challenges have been designed to be slowly ticked off over a term, groups could also decide to hold a 'Go Wild Adventure Day' or similar, where children and young people have an activity day taking on a large number of the challenges in one go. This could be a great addition to your summer programme and make up for missed trips you might normally plan.

For those groups not meeting face-to-face, the Go Wild Challenge can also be completed at home. The challenge passport and website link ([boys-brigade.org.uk/go-wild/](https://boys-brigade.org.uk/go-wild/)) could be sent to children and young people, via their parent/carer, for them to complete at home. Each challenge includes safety guidance for a parent to consider when running an activity at home. Children & young people should be encouraged to send photos / videos to their BB leader.

## **What location(s) should I use for the challenges?**

We understand that different groups will have access to different outdoor spaces. The Go Wild Challenge therefore tries to incorporate a good mixture of locations including Church grounds, forests/woodlands, your local area (i.e. streets and footpaths) and green spaces and parks. Whilst we hope that most groups have access to some/all of these locations, if you do have limited outdoor space then many of the challenges can be adapted to other locations.

To help expand the spaces you can use, consider asking parents/carers to drop their child directly at the location (i.e. woodland, country park, local park etc), rather than meeting at your normal meeting space and walking. This might mean you can use locations you wouldn't normally be able to get to and give you plenty of time for your challenges.

## **How do I recognise progress and achievement?**

A specially designed '**Go Wild Challenge Passport**' has been created to help children and young people to mark their progress on completing the challenges. This passport shows all the challenges available for them to complete and a box under each one to allow them to tick it once completed. There are also 5 additional boxes on the passport, where groups can create their own challenges and add them in to the passport.

The Go Wild Challenge has three different levels of awards to try and achieve – **Bronze, Silver** and **Gold**. These levels are achieved by completing a certain number of challenges. For under 11's this is 10, 15 and 20. For over 11's it is 5, 10 and 15. The difference is to recognise that the over 11's challenges generally take longer to complete. There is space on the passport to record when Bronze, Silver and Gold has been achieved.

Go Wild medals and certificates have been created to help celebrate the different levels and recognise the achievements of children and young people. More details about these can be found at [boys-brigade.org.uk/go-wild/](https://boys-brigade.org.uk/go-wild/).

Whilst the Go Wild Challenge gives children and young people a new award to work towards, all of the challenges can also be included as part of their normal awards, helping them to achieve their Core Activity Awards too.

## **Further Support and Help**

As well as launching the Go Wild Challenge, we have also launched a 4 Week Outdoor Taster Programme [boys-brigade.org.uk/taster-programme/](https://boys-brigade.org.uk/taster-programme/) along with guidance for leaders on taking your programme outdoors.

There are also 100's of activity ideas for both indoor and outdoor programmes on the programme hub, as well as activities and summer challenges children and young people can access from home - [boys-brigade.org.uk/programme/](https://boys-brigade.org.uk/programme/).

Should you require any further support or wish to ask a question, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at BBHQ. We are more than happy to answer questions, provide assistance and help in any way that we can. You can contact us via email at [programme@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:programme@boys-brigade.org.uk) or by phone **0300 303 4454**.