

County Walking Adviser



About the role

Purpose: To strengthen the outdoor provision, inspire, motivate and advise members to take part in safe, adventurous walking and walking related activities.

Reporting to: Assistant County Commissioner – Outdoors and County Commissioner

Location: County-wide / flexible, with attendance at meetings and events as required

Time commitment: Flexible

Role description: We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed volunteer to become our County Walking Adviser. This is an exciting opportunity to champion walking across Northamptonshire, as part of the County Adventure Team, support volunteers to build their confidence and skills, and help create memorable experiences for girls and young women.

What you'll do

- Encourage volunteers to undertake walking qualifications, supporting the development of skills, confidence and enthusiasm for outdoor activity.
- Organise county walking events and training sessions, offering a broad and accessible range of opportunities.
- Issue certificates and badges to individuals who successfully complete walking qualifications, recognising achievement and encouraging progression.
- Keep volunteers informed of walking opportunities within the county, region and beyond.
- Identify county training needs and provide feedback to the Adventure Team to support continuous improvement.
- Be the county point of contact for volunteer enquiries regarding taking girls walking.
- Provide commissioners with support on RENS for events that include walking activities.
- Attend relevant training and share key updates and information with the county to support ongoing development.
- Attend Adventure Team meetings to collaborate, share insight, and support the wider aims of the county.

Who we're looking for

The following skills would be particularly valuable:

- Genuine enthusiasts for walking and outdoor activity
- Prior knowledge / completion of the Girlguiding Walking Scheme is desirable but not essential
- Interest in volunteer development and in supporting others to achieve walking qualifications
- Commitment to inclusion and to creating positive, welcome outdoor experiences for all members
- Strong organisational skills and confidence to help coordinate training opportunities

What's in it for you?

This role will offer you the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to outdoor guiding across Northamptonshire, whilst developing your own leadership and coordination experience.

It is a chance to support volunteers, encourage new skills and help create rewarding walking experiences that build confidence, resilience and enjoyment for girls and young women.

Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out this role may be reimbursed in line with the Girlguiding finance policy.

How to apply

To express interest or request further information, please contact Mandy Ludlow at cc@girlguidingnorthamptonshire.org.uk or Chris Trasler at accoutdoors@girlguidingnorthamptonshire.org.uk.

Formal applications should be submitted by 12 June 2026.
Informal enquiries are welcome.

Please complete all relevant sections of the application form as fully as possible. You may type your responses directly into the spaces provided. If you need any support with your application, please contact Mandy or Chris on the above email addresses.