

Fieldwork and Expeditions

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● Land Rover Driver Training 2010

Land Rover has been supplying expedition vehicles to the Royal Geographical Society with IBG since 1977. Land Rover's world-renowned reputation as manufacturers of permanent four wheel drive vehicles makes them an ideal choice for use by scientific and adventurous expeditions.

However, motor incidents are a major cause of injury abroad. To help raise the safety and effectiveness of small teams operating in remote areas, the Royal Geographical Society with IBG and Land Rover have teamed up to provide a practical course covering key driving and safety techniques including towing and winching. This is a unique opportunity to benefit from Land Rover's expertise and discuss how the vehicles can be used to their full potential in the demanding situations posed by expeditions.

This course is intended for those organising or involved in research, community or conservation projects overseas. Individuals rather than groups are encouraged to apply as places are strictly limited.

During this hands-on, physical course delegates will be guided and trained not only in how to drive the Land Rover Defender vehicles, but will also be expected to operate winch cables, test the ground ahead and possibly even to push! It will be wet and muddy and delegates should go prepared with appropriate clothing and footwear.

Recommended reading

Vehicle-dependent Expedition Guide by Tom Sheppard. Revised 2.1 Edition 2003. Desert Winds in association with Land Rover. ISBN: 978-0-9532324-4-4. Priced £39.95 (including postage and packaging in the UK).

Event details

Day one will introduce candidates to key off-road driving techniques using Land Rover products. The theory session will cover introduction to four wheel drive vehicles; Land Rover technology; vehicle and equipment preparation; risk assessment; care for the environment; handling obstacles; and introductory off-road driving techniques. The practical session will cover steep ascents; steep descents; deep water; rutted tracks and ditches; and side slopes.

Day two is designed to train delegates to a more advanced standard in off-road driving, winching, recovery and convoy driving techniques. The theory session will cover further equipment preparation; marshalling techniques; advanced off-roading techniques; recovery techniques; convoy driving techniques; and winching techniques. The practical session will cover driving; winching; recovery and rope work.

Dates

Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 March 2010

Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 May 2010

Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 September 2010

Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 November 2010

Timing

Starts at 9.00am prompt. Finishes around 4.00pm.

Venue

Eastnor Castle, Hereford. In the foothills of the Malverns, Eastnor Castle has been an off-road facility for over thirty years and is situated in the centre of a 5,000 acre sporting estate.

Cost

£150 (incl. VAT at 17.5%) for two days. Lunch provided. Accommodation is not provided. Details of local accommodation will be sent to delegates.

Land Rover Driver Training

at Eastnor Castle, Hereford

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Booking Form • Land Rover Driver Training – a two-day course at Eastnor Castle, Hereford

First Name _____ Surname _____ RGS-IBG Member Y/N _____

Organisation _____

Position _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone number (day) _____ (evening/mobile) _____

Email address (*preferred method of communication*) _____

Where did you hear about this course? _____

Have you have any special dietary or other needs we should be aware of? _____

To help us ensure that this course is relevant to your needs, please complete the details overleaf.

PAYMENT

Please send me a copy of *Vehicle-dependent Expedition Guide by Tom Sheppard* price £39.95 (incl p&p in the UK)

I will be attending on Monday and Tuesday _____ **2010**

I enclose a cheque for **£150 for 2 days** payable to **RGS-IBG**, OR

Please debit my Visa / Mastercard / Delta / Switch for £ _____

Card Number Expiry Date

Switch Issue Number

Signed _____ Date _____

Please send me an invoice at the above address

Invoices may be requested but must be settled in full before the date of the course

Confirmation of your booking will be sent out on receipt of payment.

No refunds on bookings cancelled less than 4 weeks before the seminar

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Land Rover Driver Training • Booking Form Continued

- A synopsis of the course can be found on the RGI-IBG website: www.rgs.org/GOseminars
- The course will run from 9.00am to 4.00pm. A packed lunch will be provided on site.
- Accommodation is not provided but details of local accommodation will be sent to successful applicants.
- Priority will be given to those planning expeditions due to depart during 2010.
- Applicants must be over 18 years old and have held a full driving licence for at least one year (UK or overseas as long as it allows you to drive legally in the UK).
- Places are strictly limited so applicants are advised to book well in advance.
- Your payment will be processed and your place on the course confirmed at least two weeks before the start of the course.
- Joining instructions and a map will be sent to successful applicants.
- Payment will be returned to unsuccessful applicants

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Please note there are no refunds on bookings cancelled less than 4 weeks before the course unless a replacement can be found. If for any reason you are no longer able to take part on the course, please notify Geography Outdoors as soon as possible. Refunds (minus £10 administration charge) can only be made when places are filled.

MEDIA COVERAGE

These courses tend to attract considerable interest from the media, particularly in relation to the future expedition plans of those taking part. It would be helpful if you could provide a detailed outline of your proposed expedition with this application form. The information may be used by The RGS-IBG and Land Rover to generate local or national press coverage. If you are unwilling to be the object of such media attention, please let us know immediately.

YOUR EXPEDITION PLANS & EXPERIENCE

Expedition plans: Please detail as much information as possible about your expedition, including proposed dates, objectives and the type of vehicle that you are intending to use. Please attach supporting literature or continue on a separate sheet if necessary. You can also register past and planned expeditions via the website www.rgs.org/expeditionregister

Relevant expedition / driving experience:

Please complete the booking form on the reverse and return it with your payment.

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Please return completed form to:

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