

CMAT climbing and hill walking, September 2021.

CMAT got going again following the lockdowns with a trip to the Peak District for some walking and climbing in September. There were still a couple of unforeseen consequences of the lockdowns with one minibus' batteries deciding it didn't want to come out of hibernation just yet and fuel shortage/panic buying kicking off the same week. But with jump leads, jerry cans of diesel and a band of willing pushers we were soon off! After the usual high quality CMAT breakfast at Glenbrook on Saturday morning we were off into the hills. Two groups set off, the largest to go climbing and abseiling at Stanage Edge while the other left Glenbrook to walk to the venue to climb in the afternoon. We soon had plenty of climbs and an abseil set up with Scouts and Explorers valiantly scrabbling up the rock after a slightly damp start. The rock soon dried out and made things easier as the weather got better and better during the day. The walkers joined the climbers around lunch time and there was a swap over as we set up some different additional climbs for everyone to try. As the sun put in a late appearance, we enjoyed the views before heading back to Glenbrook for very welcome bangers & mash and apple pie and custard...and seconds and thirds, etc, etc!

On Sunday the sun blessed us with a gorgeous day and after clearing up and getting everything packed away, we headed up for a walk across Mam Tor. All groups chose their own route and we all converged on the summit to eat our packed lunches and admire the amazing views whilst sunning ourselves on a warm late summers day.



As we all descended our different ways with essential scouting detours to explore the countryside, we soaked up the sun before heading back home to Suffolk. It was fantastic to get out in the hills again and we can't wait for the next events!



Future CMAT events: Off-road/forest trail biking 9th Jan, Mountain Awareness course late Jan (TBC, moved from November), Leader training and hill walking 5-6th February, Leader training and assessment 25-27th March, Rock climbing 7-8th May, Scotland 30th Jul-7th Aug. See county website for more details and bookings.

