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Granite Way Cycle Trip Friday 29th September 2006

I'm proposing to run a cycling trip on the Granite Way Cycle Trail, which is a traffic free, cycle route, using an old railway line along the picturesque & exposed northerly edge of Dartmoor. We will be cycling from Okehampton Station & back via 'Southerly Halt picnic site', which is also traffic free. We will stop along the route for lunch & the café at Meldon viaduct may be open.

The views can be stunning and the remains from rails heyday, overrun by nature offer fantastic photographic opportunities for those taking their GCSE photography course.

Who can go? Class 'LG' & above

Cost: £5

Time: Depart 9:15am, return 3:30pm approx

It will take me 30 minutes to load the bikes, so please be in school by 8:45 to facilitate this.

What do they need?

- Road or Mountain Bicycle in good order, with working brakes, (no BMX's).
They will be transported by open trailer & roof rack.
If you want to limit the damage to paintwork from the bikes knocking each other, buy some foam pipe insulation to cover the main bars, as they will be knocked about in transit.
- Waterproof jacket, even if the sun is shining.
- Rucksack
- Packed lunch + drink
- Pocket money for ice cream/tea, the café may be open!
We will stop at the garage if not.
- Warm clothing
- Trainers or other suitable footwear for cycling

Distance: 20k (12½ miles), easy, traffic free, flat cycling.

Numbers limited to: 15



Pupils who turn up at school with inappropriate clothing, lack of waterproofs or in my opinion unroadworthy bikes, will be left in school for a normal school day. No refunds will be made.

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----- Return ASAP -----

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Granite Way Cycle Trip.
I enclose a cheque for £5.

*Would you please pay these payments by cheque, marked with the child's name & the Trip written on the back.
Also it is of great help to us if they are not amalgamated with other moneys paid to the school, i.e. a separate cheque.*

If you are not aware of the risks involved or the procedures we put in place to manage these, please ask myself, & I will be most happy to describe the activity in greater detail, explaining the potential risks your child will be exposed to.

Name of Child: Parent's signature:

Route Detail.

From Okehampton Railway Station & back via Southerly Halt picnic site, part of the Devon Coast to Coast. NCN Route 27. Off road, from Okehampton Station, across Meldon Viaduct, supported on steel trestles over 40m high. Stop off at the Visitor's Centre adjacent to the Quarry, a former buffet car does delicious afternoon teas, with superb views up the Meldon Valley towards the Dam. Then along the track bed of the former Southern Railway to Lake Viaduct. Made of local granite, with superb views back onto the Moor, on a clear day across to Brentor and the Cornish Hills in the far distance. In late September the bracken a golden glow in the late afternoon sun.

Returning along the same route.

