



# TEAM CHALLENGES FORM

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Name of Group	
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All Team Challenges will be undertaken with all team members contributing in real time. For each Team Challenge the leadership of the group discussion must rotate. Spend no more than 10 – 15 mins in discussion then 5 mins to make an agreed team decision. Record the key points of your discussion and also your team decision using the form below. The form answers are to be shared.

## 1. Weather Change

The weather forecast was for a daytime temperature range of 18-20C for the duration of your Journey. However, it has unexpectedly turned out to be much hotter, and by 12pm on day one of an overnight walk, the temperature is 29-30C. Your team are dressed for the more temperate/cooler weather and one of your team members is very much feeling the heat and rapidly using up their water. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

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## 2. Lost Item

One of your team members has realised after the mid morning first rest that their hat and one of their water bottles was left behind. You have been walking for about 45 minutes. No one is carrying a spare hat or cap and the next opportunity to refill water bottles is mid-afternoon. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

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### 3. Medical Incident

It's about 12.30pm and you are looking for a place to have your lunch break. Your team comes across two walkers going the opposite direction. They appear to be in their late 20s and are walking slowly, and one is breathing very heavily with his face bright red. You stop to ask if they are OK and if they need any help. Your team is informed by one walker that the other had a nasty fall and was shaken by it and has hurt his right hand (you can see blood) and both knees. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

### 4. Tiredness & Some Injuries

The first day involved much more steep walking than you thought. This morning over breakfast one of your team members was complaining of a sore back and another said they had not slept at all and had blisters on both heels. The one with the sore back is the fittest and strongest in the team and was carrying a bit more of the group equipment than the rest of you. You have 4 hours of walking today as well as undertaking at least 2 hours of field observations. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

### 5. Damaged Backpack

It is late afternoon, it has been lightly raining for a couple of hours and one of your team rolls their ankle slipping off a rock. They fall to the side and don't appear to be badly hurt other than some minor grazing on the forearm and their left ankle is a little sore. When putting their pack back on, it is observed that one of the shoulder straps has the stitching torn off the top of pack - not completely, but clearly it will not last the trip and you are on day one of a 3-day trip. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.



### 6. The Big Personality Clash

It is mid morning of Day 2. There are six in the team, and one of the team members has been getting on the nerves of at least two other team members. He has been complaining constantly and when not complaining he just will not keep quiet/stop talking, having something to say about everything. Two of the group want to walk ahead to avoid putting up with the complaints and the constant chatter. There have been some harsh words said as well. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

### 7. Gone Off Course

You have been looking for a track that veers to the left and you came across it much sooner than expected. After about 30 minutes on this track you realise that the track was much narrower than you thought and that you are climbing, but from your route planning you expected to be descending to a creek bed. The suggestion put to the group is that the track would drop downwards after getting to the top of the rise (which appears to be another 30 minutes of walking). Two of you have doubts and want to stop and check the map and take a compass bearing, while others suggest that this be best done at the top of the rise. A third view is that it was the wrong turn and you need to all go back to the main track and continue on. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

### 8. Washed Away

It has been a pleasant walk so far, much easier than you thought. Clear tracks, good sign-posting, not too steep and only about 2 more hours before you complete the walk. The weather starts to change with an unexpected cold front and dark clouds roll in. The wind picks up and without too much notice a very strong head wind hits the party with a downpour of heavy rain. The track has become water-logged and fast flowing water creates an instant creek in parts. The team quickly puts on their wet weather gear and pushes on. The track has been cut into the hillside and water flows across the track with increasing volume. Within 15 minutes you come across a section of the track that has been washed away making it possibly unsafe to proceed. You are about 30 minutes away from your campsite down the hill. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.



### 9. Calling Home

It has been a long day and the team are not at all used to walking for so many hours, let alone while carrying a backpack. One of the team members is not happy and wanted to turn back since mid-morning. The team supported them through the day but after dinner the unhappy team member used their cell phone to call home and tell the parents how miserable they were, that they were being bullied to complete the walk and that the parents needed to come and get them now. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

### 10. Bossy Team Member and friend

One of your team members has done a lot of overnight walking and camping with their family and has dominated in the planning and arrangements. So far on the walk they have dominated from the front and no one else seems to have a say. Another dominant team member has teamed up with her and everyone else is simply following the leader and not having any say in the navigation or problem solving encountered along the way. A few of you have been talking amongst yourselves, highlighting that each team member should have a turn at leading, and have decided that you will say something after dinner. Identify the issues and discuss the options on how the team will manage this situation. Decide on your agreed action.

