



# Ipswich Outdoor Group – Membership Form

Return clearly and legibly completed form with payment to join or renew. Shaded fields are **mandatory**.

Please select:  **New Member**      **Membership Category:** £5\* -  **Non-local** /  **Student** /  **Unemployed**  
 **Renewing Member** (registered IOG member last year)      £10 -  **Individual** \*see Concessionary Membership overleaf  
 **Re-joining Ex-Member** (registered in previous years)

**Title:**  **Forename(s):**  **Surname:**

**Phone Number (mobile preferred):**  **Email Address:**

**Emergency Contact Full Name:**

**Emergency Contact Phone Number (mobile preferred):**

Under-18 children can attend age-appropriate events for no extra cost at the organisers' discretion.

**Child's Name:**  **Birth Year:**

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**Do you have any relevant formal qualifications or training/expertise (e.g. First Aid, Cycling, Kayaking, Mountaineering, Climbing, Running, Coaching, Youth Leadership, Scouting, Swimming, Diving, Sailing, Martial Arts, Sports Physio etc.)?**

*The optional information below will be used only for anonymised statistics for IOG internal use by the Group's committee*

**Birth Year:**  **Sex:**  **Current Home Town:**

**Where did you hear about the IOG?**

The IOG uses an email group mailing list for publicising the programme and circulating announcements from the committee. Group members also post details of their events so if you opt-out, you will not receive updates unless you contact the organiser directly – the online programme contains only basic information about upcoming events. IOG membership key tags are detailed overleaf.

I want  my email address added to the IOG group mailing list.

I want  a personalised IOG membership key tag(s) when the annual August order is placed.

IOG members can email the Membership Secretary at any time to update an email address or to be added to the mailing list.

I have made a membership fee payment by  bank transfer,  cash or  cheque. Payment option info overleaf.

I have read and understand the IOG Frequently Asked Questions ([www.ipswichoutdoor.org/faq](http://www.ipswichoutdoor.org/faq)) and the notes overleaf.

I agree my name and email address will be included by default on the online and printed programmes, if I organise any events.

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**IMPORTANT:** For members convenience, typing your signature in the box above will be accepted for email submissions as an electronic signature, indicating your consent. Do not forget to **save** the completed form with your details, if submitting PDF by email.

Fill out, save (or scan/photo) and email this completed form as an attachment: [membership@ipswichoutdoor.org](mailto:membership@ipswichoutdoor.org) or complete and post (with cheque if needed): **IOG Membership Secretary, Rachael Norris, 2 Brettenham Road, Hitcham, IPSWICH, Suffolk IP7 7NT.**

Please remember we are all volunteers and it may take a few weeks to process your membership. Your patience is appreciated.

Once your IOG membership registration is processed, you can request to join the members-only Facebook group for sharing photos and general chat by clicking the **Join Group** button here: [www.facebook.com/groups/ipswichoutdoorgroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ipswichoutdoorgroup).

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS** - Prospective members may try out three local Group events before joining. All participants are responsible for informing the IOG event organiser well in advance of all health conditions that may impact or preclude them from taking part in an activity. Some events may be unsuitable for pets or young families; always check with the organiser first. Overnight trips are strictly limited to members-only. *Note: the Group's liability insurance is NOT a replacement for personal insurance which individual members are responsible for arranging when travelling with the Group. Confirmation of personal travel insurance for all attendees is required for overseas Group travel.*

**JOINING THE GROUP** - At all times, our members are personally responsible for themselves and expected to respect the environment, local community, wildlife and other people. To keep our Group safe, discrimination, prejudice, bullying or harassment of any kind is not acceptable or tolerated. Members are expected to behave respectfully across all the Group's social media and maintain our family-friendly community. Please report any concerning behaviour in the Group's online communities to our Member's Representative ([membersrep@ipswichoutdoor.org](mailto:membersrep@ipswichoutdoor.org)) immediately.

The Group's membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June. Those joining before 1 January, will have their membership due for renewal on 30 June. To encourage prospective members, anyone joining the Group for the first time between 1 January and 30 June, will have their membership extended so it will be due for renewal on 30 June the year after.

Unless opted out, registered IOG members at the start of the IOG year can collect a personalised membership key tag in September which enables various benefits, as detailed here: [www.ipswichoutdoor.org/membershipbenefits](http://www.ipswichoutdoor.org/membershipbenefits). On joining, new members can request a generic membership key tag from the Membership Secretary.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Membership fees can be paid to the Membership Secretary ([membership@ipswichoutdoor.org](mailto:membership@ipswichoutdoor.org)) or Treasurer ([treasurer@ipswichoutdoor.org](mailto:treasurer@ipswichoutdoor.org)) by bank transfer, cash or a cheque made payable to **Ipswich Outdoor Group**. Either can supply the Group's bank account number / sort code on request. If making a bank transfer, please clearly include the sender in the reference, especially if transferring from The Co-operative Bank / Smile.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** - The Membership Secretary emails a reminder in June. Members **must** return a completed membership form and fee for renewal by **31 July** to ensure a personalised membership key tag for next year.

**CHILD MEMBERS** - Ipswich Outdoor Group members who are parents/guardians can apply for free child membership for children under the age of 18. Anyone over 18 must apply for their own Group membership. Please note when children, named on the front side of this form, participate in Group activities they must be accompanied by their parents/guardians and must be registered as child members. Members are responsible for their children *at all times* and should carefully consider the suitability of the activity for their child, after consultation with the event organiser.

**CONCESSIONARY MEMBERSHIP** - Concessionary membership is available to the unemployed (this does **NOT** extend to retirees), full-time students (member of a National Union of Students [NUS] affiliated students union or holder of an International Student Identity Card [ISIC]) or non-locals whose home postcode does **NOT** begin with IP (Ipswich), NR (Norwich), CO (Colchester), CB (Cambridge) or CM (Chelmsford) and may only attend a few events from the Group programme. The Group reserves the right to request evidence, such as proof of home address or valid student ID card.

**DATA PROTECTION** - Ipswich Outdoor Group will hold and process members information as per the privacy policy published and periodically updated online: [www.ipswichoutdoor.org/privacypolicy](http://www.ipswichoutdoor.org/privacypolicy). Members' contact and emergency contact details are available to committee members and may be shared with other event organisers, in an emergency.

**PHOTOGRAPHY / FILMING** – Photographs / footage of IOG events shared with the Group directly or through social media may be used for publicity on the Group's website, social media, at Group meetings and third party publications. Contact the Newsletter Editor ([newsletter@ipswichoutdoor.org](mailto:newsletter@ipswichoutdoor.org)) to ask for amendments or to request exemption.

**GROUP LIABILITY** - Ipswich Outdoor Group is a not-for-profit group run by volunteers elected from the membership. Individual members participate at own risk and are responsible for their own personal insurance (e.g. accident/injury or travel), plus ensuring drivers have appropriate vehicle insurance if sharing transport. A parent or responsible adult must accompany under 18s unless agreed in advance. IOG, as far as the law permits, accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury incurred in relation to any Group activity or associated travel however caused, other than for death or personal injury caused by negligence for which IOG is liable at law and for which liability cannot be excluded.

*This IOG Membership Form is available in PDF format at [www.ipswichoutdoor.org/how-to-join](http://www.ipswichoutdoor.org/how-to-join)*

**Email:** [membership@ipswichoutdoor.org](mailto:membership@ipswichoutdoor.org)

**Website:** [www.ipswichoutdoor.org](http://www.ipswichoutdoor.org)