

Keeping Dry, Warm and Comfortable

Choosing a Waterproof Jacket for your Duke of Ed Expedition

Why do I need a Water Proof Jacket?

A water proof jacket is an important piece of expedition clothing to keep out rain, wind and cold.

If you get cold or wet you feel miserable, and it can be tricky to warm back up.

Staying dry, warm and comfortable is an important thing to get right on your DofE expedition.

What do I need to Consider?

Asking some questions will really help to narrow down the choices to make the best decision.

- Where and what will you be using it for?
- How much use will it get and how long would you like it to last?
- What is your budget.

Weight

Ideally, lightweight and pack-able for when the rain holds off, and the sun comes out, and compact enough so not taking up too much room in your rucksack.

Durability

Ensure your jacket will withstand heavy rain showers, provide protection from the wind, and stand up to bush wear and tear.

Breathable

A breathable jacket provides added warmth and protection, because your inner mid-layers will stay dry, while drawing sweat away from the body.

Fit/Design

Big enough to have a fleece layer or two underneath but not completely oversized. A hood that can be cinched in around your face to protect you against wind and rain. Longer in the hem, a front zip for easy removal and arm-pit vents for extra ventilation.



Spray Jackets Wind Jackets Ponchos

Thin, unforgiving, non-durable fabric prone to catching on branches etc and tearing under use.

Loose and unfitted, resulting in improper cover and water penetration.

Water resistant only, designed for splash and spray water, but not effective in the rain.

Non-breathable fabric promotes sweating, causing internal dampness inside the jacket.



Lightweight Rain Jackets

✓ Small, lightweight and very packable – for those times when you know that taking a rain jacket is a good idea, but you don't expect to have to wear it all that often.

✓ Fabric will be thinner and less durable than more expensive/heavier jackets, and breathability will generally be quite good.

✓ Designed to be worn straight over a base layer/shirt and one thicker warmer layer underneath.

✓ Available for \$59 in our online-store, this Rain Jacket does the trick!



Trekking Waterproof Jackets

Maximum protection from the elements as well as able to take a beating from both your pack and the environs.

Bushwalking jackets will often be longer cut in the hem, have adjustable storm hoods, pickets placed high about the packs hip belt.

Durable face fabrics, even more durable fabric in high wear areas such as shoulders and a high level of durability (ie 3 layer fabric using Gore-tex).

