

DERBY NOMAD RAMBLERS

Derbyshire's Premier Walking Club

Founded 1935

Affiliated to the Ramblers Association

President: Geoff Barker

ABOUT THE CLUB

The club was formed in 1935 by a group of five keen ramblers.

Early members took part in the mass trespass on Kinder Scout in 1932, which resulted in freedom to roam the moors becoming the generally accepted thing it is today.

A reputation as the hardest walking club in Derbyshire was acquired, but the club has mellowed and walks are now organised to suit most abilities.

Today the club has around 100 members



Nelson's Monument, Birchen Edge

THE WALKS

Walks are led by experienced club members who adjust the pace to suit the composition of those taking part.

They take place almost every Sunday, usually starting at 10 am, are typically of from eight to 15 miles and (depending on the distance) end at around 5 pm - earlier in winter when there is less daylight. Shorter evening walks are held during the summer.

Walks mostly take place in the Peak District and adjoining areas.



Eyam Moor

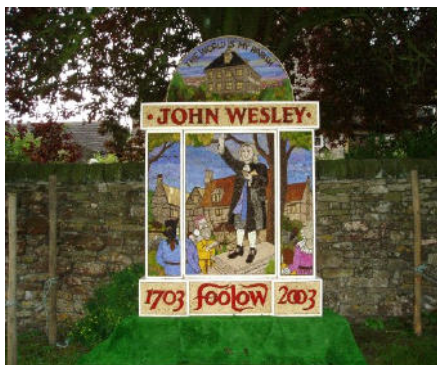
The areas in which walks take place provide some indication of how arduous a walk is: as you go from north to south they are likely to become easier. Some walks in rugged terrain involve some scrambling.

Routes are selected for natural scenic beauty and the interest afforded by the many fascinating villages and other artifacts that they take in.

Members usually take food and drink with them. Two breaks are normally taken: a short mid-morning coffee stop and a longer one for lunch/dinner. The midday break is usually taken near a pub, where members can eat and have a drink - but, of course, nobody is forced to do this! This break could be al fresco if there is no convenient pub. There is also occasionally a mid-afternoon break.



Borrowdale, Lake District



Well Dressing, Foolow

GETTING TO A WALK

Members make their own way to the start of a walk, almost invariably using their own cars - that is obviously why most walks form a circle or figure-of-eight, beginning and ending at the same point.

Occasionally, particularly in summer, a mini-bus is hired to enable linear walks - beginning and ending at different points - to take place. These walks have proved very popular. They include a pick-up in Derby.

WALKING WEEKS/WEEKENDS

These are organised periodically at times like Easter in Derbyshire and other celebrated walking areas such as the Yorkshire Dales, the Lake District and Wales. Members stay in cottages, huts or youth hostels.

PROGRAMMES

Quarterly printed walking programmes are issued to members. These provide the date of a walk; the name of the leader; the starting point, indicated by a place name and an Ordnance Survey grid reference; a brief outline of the route; the place where lunch/dinner will be taken; and the distance

AFFILIATIONS

The club is affiliated to four organisations involved in walking and related activities. It feels these affiliations benefit members and walking as an activity. It has a Ramblers Association (RA) representative who attends local RA meetings to exchange information. It also has a footpath secretary who ensures the club does its best to preserve footpaths throughout Derbyshire.

The affiliations are with:

The Ramblers Association
The Youth Hostels Association
Derbyshire Footpath Preservation
Society
Peak & Northern Footpath
Preservation Society

FURTHER EVENTS

The club aims to include a range of social events on the programme throughout the year. These could include:

New Year Dinner and walk
Topical slide shows and talks.
Theatre visits

It is hoped to expand and vary these

SUGGESTIONS

The committee welcome suggestions from members on ways to improve the club and expand its range of walking activities. It aims to make Derby Nomad Ramblers the best walking club in Derbyshire

ABOUT WALKING

Walking is a healthy, natural and simple activity that should cost little to pursue.

The major investment is in a pair of good walking boots. These can cost over £130, but adequate footwear can be acquired for much less than this. A lot can be paid for warm and waterproof clothing, but it, too, can be obtained at bargain prices.

Another essential is a rucksack, which also can cost a little or a lot.

HOW TO JOIN

You are welcome to accompany us on a walk before committing yourself to joining the club. Contact Chris, the programme secretary, for details of forthcoming walks. The membership secretary, Pauline, can supply you with an application form if you want to join the club. The current annual membership fee is £8.50.

The latest information can be also be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.derbynomads.co.uk/>

Email address for all enquires.

Derbynomads1935@yahoo.co.uk

IMPORTANT NOTE

Members of the Derby Nomad Ramblers Club agree that when leading or taking part in club events that they will act in a manner that will not endanger the safety of themselves or others. The club, its officers and appointed leaders accept no responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by persons taking part in club activities.

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