

Walk Leader

Purpose of role Share your enthusiasm and passion for walking by leading people on group walks in a welcoming, safe, responsible and enjoyable way.

Skills and experience

- Passion for walking and an empathy with all the charitable aims of the Ramblers.
- Previous experience of walking your local area/community.
- Good communication skills and a friendly nature.
- Leadership abilities to keep a group together & remain calm during unforeseen circumstances.

Duties

Planning the walk

- Liaise with your Group's Walks Co-ordinator to choose a walk that is suitable for the programme and that complements other walks in the programme.
- Commit to dates that you are due to lead a walk.
- Familiarise yourself with the route before leading the walk

On the day of the walk

- Be responsible for the group, ensuring their safety at all times.
- Deal with any questions and issues with good humour and patience.
- Enjoy the walk and thank everyone for coming.

Before you agree to lead a walk

Be familiar with the terms of the insurance cover and the expectations of being a Walk Leader.

Support available Existing Walk Leaders are always available to give support and advice. Many Walk Leaders take their first walks under the guidance of another experienced leader; some groups already offer Walk Leader, Navigation skills and First aid training.

Central Office offer support on all aspects of walk leading and offer training for leaders through our Volunteer Development Days.

Extensive guidance on leading a walk is also available on the Ramblers website.

www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer-zone >volunteer toolkits > walk leader toolkit

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