

CREWE AND NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB.

WALK PLANNING FOR LEADERS.

GUIDELINES

1. Walk Location.

The choice of location may be a favorite area, a new location inspired by a guide book or magazine article or recommended by a friend. Possibly you may offer to lead providing the alternative walk (A, B or C) in a location already chosen by a leader. The location chosen must be a practical distance for coach travel in a day. If in doubt please discuss with the Ramble Organiser. Consideration should be given to amenities for occupying time when organising 'C' walks.

2. Walk Route

The route chosen will be influenced by:

- (i) Ramble grade - A, B or C.
- (ii) Topography - mountains, moorlands, hilly, flat, low lying.
- (iii) Time of year - day length, potential adverse weather.
- (iv) Access for coach - can it physically get to where you wish, is there adequate parking nearby?
- (v) The routes chosen by other leaders— liaise, during the planning stage, to ensure your walks are compatible, you each know the others' routes and one of the walks is a circular.

3. Reccyng the Walk.

- (i) Obtain the appropriate O.S. Map (the club holds a stock of maps – if necessary contact Ramble Organiser.)
- (ii) Study the map, guidebooks etc to gain a feeling for the area and its topography. This becomes more important the more rugged and wild the location chosen.
- (iii) Plan a day(s) to visit and walk the proposed route, noting:
 - (a) Time and route taken to get to the start point from Crewe and Nantwich
 - (b) Coach parking point(s)
 - (c) Time to walk route
 - (d) Possible coffee/lunch/tea stops; difficult sections; points of interest; shops, cafes, public conveniences.

During reccyng you may have to retrace your steps or alter your original route. Route timings will have to take into account any such deviations. It may necessitate a return visit.

4. Walking Companion.

Ideally take a companion for the reccyng so that someone else knows your intended route and to assist with safety during the reccyng.

5. Preparation for the Walk Day.

Prepare two copies of the map depicting the route and appropriate supplementary information. These documents are for circulating in the coach, one copy goes in the walk register book the other circulates the coach. The information prepared will enable members to decide which walk to go on.

6. Any Problems

If there are any problems encountered during the preparation or reccyng the Ramble Organiser can be contacted if help is required.

This leaflet provides a basic outline to Walk Planning. Further information is available in many publications.

Walk Planning is a practical skill and as such there is no substitute for practice and experience. Newcomers are encouraged to have a go, start with easy walks in relatively 'safe' locations and build on your own experiences. Alternatively plan a walk with the help of a more experienced walker.