

To All Eryri Walk Leaders

Now that we have permission to restart "Group Walks", Roy and I thought it was a good idea to issue a note to all Walk Leaders of some fundamental guidelines that we have all followed in recent years about leading walks for the Ramblers.

This is not intended to suggest that we have forgotten anything, only to serve as a reminder of the excellent practices that you have all followed in recent years whilst leading walks for Eryri Ramblers group.

We have all been saddened by the Covid 19 crises over the last five months and we are not out of the woods yet. The current advice is that we can start Group Walks for up to thirty (30) people.

However, there are several issues surrounding Covid 19 that need to be addressed - we think fifteen (15) is a sensible limit.

1. Plan and check the walk beforehand, essentially a form of risk assessment - use Eryri Risk Assessment and Register - attached
2. Advertise - we will be doing this differently in future as the planned and published programme for this year has been cancelled.
Details of how we, in Eryri, will do this are explained in the separate note below to every member, please don't put your phone no. on Facebook.
3. Consider all the usual Risks associated with your planned walk including the weather, escape routes, suitability of the walk for all that may join you.
4. Take care crossing and using busy roads.
5. Take care when encountering farm animals and close gates.
6. Make sure that everyone wears suitable clothing, enjoy good health and are happy to proceed.
7. Explain the walk, its length, terrain and where particular care is required.
8. Appoint a backmarker to keep the party together and establish who may be a trained First Aider.
9. Make sure that any one that's new to the group are introduced and made welcome.
10. Record and report any incidents, we are essentially concerned with personal injury, damage to third party property etc.
11. Ensure you are registered on the Ramblers Assemble database as a volunteer for insurance cover.

Good practice in leading good, happy walks is what you have been following for many years for the Eryri group. It's not a procedure, you have already established "good practice" and it forms part our established way of operating.

Kind regards,

Dafydd and Roy

Attachments:

Eryri Risk Assessment and Register.docx (supersedes HQ version - no need to print as long as you record it)
Eryri leaders phone + OS map login.pdf

Ramblers Restart: Taking part in COVID-safe walks (Eryri).pdf

Walk Leaders checklist.pdf - you probably have seen this handy leaflet before