

## Walk classifications

To help you find the walks that best suit you, we use a standard classification system. Classifications are the same for group walks and for Ramblers Routes (though for obvious reasons, some classifications only apply either to walks or to routes).

Classifications don't always appear - this might be because the people who listed the walk or route didn't have the right information to hand.

<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Indication of where a walk or route is suitable for a particular group of people.</b>
Child friendly	Walk or route with length and terrain suitable for children, though it might not be planned or promoted with children in mind.
Dog friendly	Walk or route suitable for well-behaved dogs, with no sections where dogs aren't permitted or where it's inadvisable to take them. If a walk, the leader is prepared to accept well behaved dogs though may require them to be kept on a lead.
No car needed	Walk or route can be reached easily without using a car, either by public transport, using a chartered coach or shared transport, or an urban walk from a central point that's easy to walk to.
Small groups only	(Routes only) Route is not advised for large groups. A large group in this context is more than 20 walkers. This may be because of environmental impact reasons such as vulnerable wildlife, privacy issues where there is permissive access, or because a large number of obstructions like stiles would slow the group up.
Pushchair friendly	Walk or route is suitable for <b>conventional</b> pushchairs provided walkers are prepared to lift them over occasional obstructions (some additional walks or routes might be suitable only for all-terrain pushchairs).
Wheelchair friendly	Walk or route is suitable for users of <b>conventional</b> wheelchairs, though assistance in pushing may be needed by some users in certain places. Some additional walks or routes might be suitable for all-terrain scooters.
<b>Surroundings</b>	<b>Indication of the surroundings or environment the walk passes through.</b>
City, town	Walk or route in urban surroundings. May be along streets or on traffic-free paths.

Coast	Walk or route alongside or with a good view of the sea, in urban or rural environment. Beaches, cliffs, seaside promenades.
Country park	Walk or route through a Country Park - an area of public green space with a significantly rural character.
Farmland	Walk or route through intensively farmed land, arable and/or livestock. Field paths, farm tracks.
Hill	Walk or route through hilly country, enough to challenge the walker, but staying below 600 m.
Lake, pond, reservoir	Walk or route passing or following the shore of significant lakes, lochs, ponds, reservoirs or other bodies of inland water.
Marsh	Walk or route through marshland or similar wetland environments.
Moor, heath	Walk or route through moorland or heathland.
Mountain	Walk or route rising above 600 m.
Open country	Walk or route through general open country - land that isn't wooded or intensively farmed, often giving wide views.
Park, green space	Walk or route through managed parkland, gardens and similar green spaces, typically urban parks.
River, canal	Walk or route alongside a river, canal, burn, stream or other inland water channel.
Village	Walk or route through a rural village. Can also be applied to an urban walk passing through places that retain a traditional village-like appearance.
Woodland	Walk or route through woodland of all kinds: woods, forests, plantations, in both urban and rural settings.
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Indication if the route or walk has a particular theme, due to the places visited, or what the route developer or walk leader chooses to highlight.</b>
Adventure	Adventurous walk or route for example exploring wild land or remote countryside or with a link to other adventurous activities.
Architecture	Walk or route featuring interesting architecture of any period.

Arts, culture	Walk or route with an art or culture connection, for example film locations, novels/writers, or linked to an art or cultural activity such as a local arts festival.
Family fun	Walk or route with features/activities of particular interest to children, or promoted to children, as well as being through terrain suitable for them.
Garden	Walk or route visiting gardens or similar sites.
History, heritage	Walk or route with a focus on sites of historical or heritage interest: historic buildings, sites of historic events etc.
Long distance path	Walk or route along a section of a longer recognised path such as a national trail.
Treasure hunt, geocaching	Walk or route involving a treasure hunt, geocaching or similar activity.
Wildlife, nature	Walk or route with a focus on sites of wildlife interest, rare species, wildflower displays, migrating birds etc.
<b>Special status</b>	<b>Indication if the walk or route includes sites with a specific designation, or a Ramblers success.</b>
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Scenic Area, Heritage Coast	Walk or route visiting a site within an officially designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Heritage Coast (England and Wales) or National Scenic Area (Scotland).
Community Forest, Regional Park	Walk or route visiting a site within a Community Forest, the National Forest or a Regional Park.
Conservation Area	Walk or route visiting a Conservation Area as recognised by the national heritage body and the local council.
Historic park / garden	Walk or route visiting a Historic Park or Garden as recognised by the national heritage body.
National Park	Walk or route visiting a recognised National Park.
National Trail, Scotland's Great Trail	Walk or route using a section of an official National Trail, Scotland's Great Trail or the England or Wales Coast Paths.
Nature designation (SSSIs, Nature Reserves etc)	Walk or route visiting a site with an official national or international nature conservation designation. These include: Biosphere reserve, Local Nature Reserve (LNR), Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), Marine Protected Area (MPA), National Nature Reserve (NNR), Ramsar site, Site of Community Importance (SCI), Special Area of Conservation

	(SAC), Special Protected Area (SPA), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
Open access land	Walk or route visiting open access land designated under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 in England and Wales (Mountain, moor, heath, down, registered common land and other voluntarily designated land).
Ramblers success	Walk or route where a section has been opened up or improved thanks to Ramblers campaigning or practical work.
World Heritage Site	Walk or route visiting a World Heritage Site as designated by UNESCO.
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Indication if particular facilities (toilets, refreshments, baby changing etc) are available at key points of the walk or route.</b>
Baby changing facilities	Baby changing facilities are available at the starting point and ideally the finishing point of the walk / route.
Bed and breakfast	Bed and breakfast accommodation close to the starting point and/or finishing point of the walk or route.
Camping, bothy	Recognised camping site, camping barn or bothy close to the starting point and / or finishing point of the walk or route.
Disabled toilet	Disabled toilet at the starting point and finishing point of the walk or route, and ideally along the way on longer routes.
Hostel	Hostel accommodation close to the starting point and / or end of the finishing point walk or route (this includes both 'official' and independent hostels).
Parking	Car park available at the starting point of the walk or route.
Refreshments	Refreshments available at both the starting point or the finishing point of the walk or route, and along the way on longer walks/routes. May be a cafe, pub, kiosk or other facility.
Shelter	Shelter is available at the starting point of the walk or route.
Toilet	Public toilets are available at the starting point and finishing point of the walk or route, and ideally along the way on longer routes.