



Responsible Rambling in GB

From Trespass (and Prison!)
to
Freedom to Roam
to
Open Access
To
Rambling Responsibly

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Some Statistics:

77% of Brits say they walk for pleasure at least once a month

They have over 225 000kms of footpaths to walk on

Walking is three times as popular as any other leisure activity

Over 7 000 000 visit the countryside every weekend

Over 140 000 a members of the Ramblers' Association

We have a great variety of landscapes to walk in:



Ramblers care for the countryside because they enjoy it.

Many belong to other outdoor and nature protection organisations:

The National Trust

The Council for the Protection of Rural England

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

The Youth Hostels Association





Access to much of British countryside was denied
for over 100 years.

Ramblers were forced to campaign for

THE FREEDOM TO ROAM



This has now been achieved in part by means of
The Countryside Rights of Way Act (CROW) 2000
For England and Wales
And
The Land Reform Act 2003
For Scotland.

Both have produced

COUNTRYSIDE CODES

Which stress

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR



THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE
FOR

ENGLAND AND WALES

Be safe-plan ahead and follow any signs

Leave gates and property as you find them

Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home

Keep dogs under close control

Consider other people.



THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE FOR SCOTLAND

Take responsibility for your own actions

Respect other people's privacy and peace of mind

Help land managers work safely and effectively

Care for your environment

Keep your dog under proper control

Take extra care if you are organising an event



TO CONCLUDE:

RAMBLE RESPONSIBLY

RESPECT

PROTECT

ENJOY!