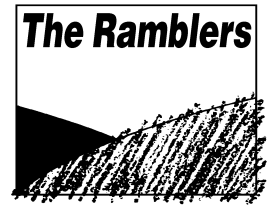


# The Ramblers' Association

## Working for walkers



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# Family Rambler

## ***Derbyshire Family Rambling Group in 2005***

Family rambling day 1997 was the starting point for Derbyshire Family Rambling Group, which continues to thrive, with day walks, & weekends away. Conwy youth hostel proved a successful venue with attractive walks, as well as other interesting places including castle & beaches visited. Further family camping weekends took place at Sherwood Forest in July 2005 & 2006.

The group ran family rambles for "Let's go wild in Derby" around Radbourne in March, Amber Valley & Erewash's Autumn Footprints walking festival in September 2005 and a post-Christmas family walk for the RA Festival of Winter Walking. A highlight of the Autumn Footprints family walk was meeting & being photographed with the two local mayors and their wives – all 4 resplendent in their mayoral chains. The group is developing & trying out new ideas to keep older children interested. Ideas welcome!

## ***Growing up...***

Conscious of the need to continue to offer interesting walks for children of all ages, it is hoped to develop some activities for teenagers up to 18, hopefully "bridging the gap" until they are old enough to join the 18-30/Young walking groups e.g. at Chesterfield & Notts./Derby. The first event was **TAP weekend - Teenagers Abandon Parents** - in October 2005. Those aged 14 & over plan walked to Ambleside youth hostel & stayed overnight there without parents or any adults! Meanwhile the rest of the family rambling group enjoyed separate walks Sat. & Sunday, spending both nights at Langdale Hostel. We hope the Edale weekend with climbing Saturday & Kinder Scout walks on Sunday in March 2006 will also be exciting for older children. The Group offers varied family walks for different age groups.

## ***Notes for leaders***

If you have offered to lead a walk in 2006 you should also receive a copy of this sheet, and an attendance sheet to ask people to fill in on the day. Please remind people that email addresses are very useful, the main way of updating. If not included, please let me know!

## ***email addresses***

email addresses are very useful, as a cheap & quick way of informing everyone of new walks, events & new/changed details. If you do not currently get email updates, even if you don't check your email very often, please let us have an email address if at all possible – please email to [info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk](mailto:info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk). We will never pass on your email address or personal details to anyone else, and promise not to email loads of stuff!. Annual postal mailing only.

## ***Yahoo group***

This Yahoo Group allows members to communicate with each other. Membership of this group is restricted to families with children who have been on at least one family walk with the Derbyshire Family Rambling Group. Please feel free to read & post messages!

To date use has been disappointingly low. Ideas for use are to offer or to sell out-grown (but not worn-out) children's boots & walking gear, to swap holiday or other ideas, maybe a safe place for children or teenagers who would like to chat.

Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/derbyshirefamilyrambling>.

To start sending messages to members of this group, send an email to [derbyshirefamilyrambling@yahogroups.com](mailto:derbyshirefamilyrambling@yahogroups.com).

Offers to lead walks during the week after Christmas 2006 & any date in 2007 would be great, ideally before end September 2006 please!

### ***Photos of family rambles***

If you have any digital photos taken on family rambles to add, please email photos to [info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk](mailto:info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk), or email to ask for postal address to send a cd (I will post you a replacement blank cd). Thanks Ian Stafford for setting up this up & updating it.

Full details of all walks on [www.derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk) or 01332 841975 or 554756 or [info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk](mailto:info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk).

Hope to see you soon!