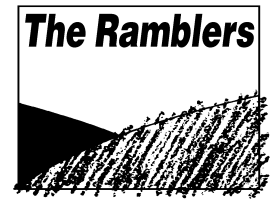


# The Ramblers' Association

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**Derbyshire Family Rambling Group**

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## Family Rambler 2006

Now 10 years old, the Family Rambling Group continues to hold one or two walks each month.

### Edale hostel weekend March 2006

55 stayed at Edale Youth hostel in March: Saturday morning orienteering, with close-up sightings of mountain hares just starting to replace their winter white coats with summer brown. On Saturday afternoon 34 climbed on Windgather crags while others went for walks of 4 & 6 miles. On Sunday the group divided for 4 & 8 mile walks- where the older children greatly relished the adventure of jumping across the groughs on Kinder Scout (& getting very muddy!!), and snowball fights!

#### Heard on a walk over Kinder Scout...

Don't you believe in leading walks on footpaths? -

Edale is wicked!

Fun!

When's the next one?

Boys ... please aim for the drier bits!

(Mother to boys when jumping off peat hags into groughs)

Some boys seemed to prefer paddling in the stream at the bottom, rather than ascending up to the crags at the edge of the Kinder Plateau during the orienteering (Craig, Chris & James)

Did Martin deliberately organise one of his "extreme rambles"? - Paul

He's trying to emulate Rachel who currently has the reputation for leading walks where half the distance can be walked **in** the stream

(Youlgreave - repeated by popular request the following year...)- Julie

Gill walking was popular down Jagger Clough (boys walking in the river - at places up to their middles!) ... but it was an adult trying to walk on the drier bits of the path who sprained their ankle - the Edale Mountain Rescue Team landrover was a welcome sight ...

### **Pennine Terms** useful to impress if your physical progress over Kinder Scout doesn't!

**Bog Trotter** - a walker who enjoys long, rough walks on rough boggy Peak District moorlands. Otherwise known as "boys will be boys"...(muddy boys!)

**Clough** - a moorland valley cut by a stream

**Gill** - a ravine with a stream

**Grough** - a channel cut into peat moorland by running water

**Hag** - (no, not an old woman)- it's an isolated 'pedestal' of peat with a grassy top  
<http://www.go4awalk.com/navigationskills/jargon.php>

## Sherwood Forest July 2006

A hot sunny weekend in Sherwood Forest in July, most of the 40 or so people camped at Sherbrooke ([www.sherbrooke-campsite.co.uk](http://www.sherbrooke-campsite.co.uk)), two families stayed at the modern youth hostel.

In addition to family walks both days, the weekend also included a high ropes ([www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk)) course up in the trees, field games, a water fight, cycle go karting, a Chinese auction & a barbecue. The rope swing in the wood was popular too! We hope to make a return visit in 2007!

In October we are spending a weekend at Langdon Beck youth hostel, with Northern Family Walking Group joining us for one day's walks.

The Group led a family ramble for Let's Go Wild in Derby series in February, & a family walk for the Autumn Footprints walking festival 2006.

Sept 9 - 24 2006: details of all walking festival events from Ripley tourist office 01773 841488.

**Langdon Beck** hostel weekend Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct.1<sup>st</sup> [www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk)

Bookings made directly mentioning Derbyshire Family Rambling Group 0870 770 5910

Join the **Mile High Club** - earn the right to wear the T-shirt. All you have to do to join the Mile High Club is complete the equivalent of a vertical mile of ascent using [www.go4awalk.com](http://www.go4awalk.com) walks. That's only a mile - just 5,280 feet.

Don't leave navigation to others - even the most confident and able people make mistakes ... and... Navigation is supposed to be fun (!) For tips <http://www.go4awalk.com/navigationskills/>

## Pennine Way

Claire from Leicestershire completed the Pennine Way in 20 days aged 10! and she raised £1700 for Rainbows children's hospice. Well done Claire! [www.clairepennineway.co.uk](http://www.clairepennineway.co.uk)

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

## email addresses

are a cheap & quick way of informing everyone of new/updated walk 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. Your email address & other personal details will only be used for sending you Group information, & will never passed on to anyone else! 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).

The Derbyshire Family Rambling Group offers short easy walks for young children, & hopes to keep older ones interested with longer more adventurous walks & related activities. All walks are free & open to all. Children generally prefer to walk with other children, allowing the whole family to enjoy a relaxing sociable & healthy day out. Latest details for all family walks are listed on [www.ramblers.org.uk/walksfinder](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/walksfinder) & [www.derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk) (including photo link) or contact [info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk](mailto:info@derbyshirefamilyrambling.org.uk) or 01332 841975.