

Using the Group Walks Finder - Creating Your Group Programme for Web and Printing

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This is one of four Factsheets to guide you through uploading and editing your Group's walks on the Group Walks Finder.

The Sheets are:

Using the Group Walks Finder - Getting Started

Using the Group Walks Finder - Uploading a Single Walk

Using the Group Walks Finder - Uploading Multiple Walks

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Once your walk details are published on the Group Walks Finder, the listing of your Group details in the Local Groups section of the Ramblers website will include links to:

[Find walks by xxx Group](#)

[xxx Group Programme](#)

[xxx Group printable Programme](#)

and your own Group website(s) can include similar (or even identical) links to up-to-date displays of your walks programme.

This factsheet describes

- 1) how you can tailor the Group Programme and Group printable Programme displays to your own requirements and
- 2) how to link to your walks programme in Groups Walks Finder from your own website(s).

1) Group Programme and Group printable Programme displays

You may well find the default displays are adequate for your purpose, but if not, you need to select the options :

Web Programme Format

or *Print Programme Format*

from the Groups Walks Finder editing page main menu, as appropriate.

These allow you to customise these displays for your group. The procedure is identical for both displays. **The notes that follow are best read with a display of the Web/Print Programme Format page in front of you.**

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- You can add more information to these pages either by adding columns - or adding to an existing column. To add a column just fill in the new column section (the title will become the column header).

To add content to a column just type the text you want to appear in each cell, and select the piece of information you want from the *Select a field to add* pull down menu - when you press update the appropriate placeholder will be added.

For example add 'distance' as the title of the new column, select 'distance (miles)' from the drop down and press update. You will now see the sample printout at the bottom of the screen has a distance column - and each row describing a walk has a cell with the number of miles in it. The form showing the column settings now has an entry with the title 'distance' and the somewhat cryptic [WALK_DISTANCE_MILES] placeholder in the text area. If you want the distance to be displayed as '10 miles' just add the word 'miles' after the placeholder - and press update.

- Custom elements can be included in the online and printable displays – simply include the custom element name in square brackets e.g. [Lunch arrangements]
- The *Select a field to add* pull down menu includes some elements which Groups Walks Finder calculates from your data e.g. [day of week] gives Monday, Tuesday etc, and [distance (km)] gives the walk distance in kilometres
- To delete a column select *Remove Column* from the *Move column ..* drop down menu. To change the order of columns select <- *Move left* or *Move right* -> from the *Move column ..* drop down menu and press update
- You can have more than one piece of information in each column - and this can be a good way to save space - just select the information you want displayed from the drop down *Select a field to add* menu, add any extra text you want and press update (repeat as desired).

Example: [WALK_DATE] at [WALK_START_TIME]

- The print programme has an option to download the walks programme in HTML or CSV format (see the bottom of the screen).
- The online and printable versions can contain hidden fields not available on the main public website. This may be useful if you want to include information to print and give to members that people might have privacy concerns about (for example some people don't want their full name and phone number listed on a public website).

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2) How to construct a web link to your walks

Your Group or Area may have its own website(s) and want to publicise your walk programme on the site. Linking to your Group Walks Finder entries avoids duplicate entering of walks details (with the risk of inconsistencies) and also ensures that any changes made on the Walks Finder are instantly reflected on your web site.

The simplest way to construct such a link is to copy one or other of the links in the listing of your Group details in the Walks Finder to xxx Group Programme and xxx Group printable Programme (where xxx is your Group name). These are:

www.ramblers.co.uk/programmes/online.php?group=AAnn for the web version

and www.ramblers.co.uk/programmes/print.php?group=AAnn for the printable version

where AAnn is your Group ShortCode (see below).

Options

Some options can be added to these links by putting these parts together:

1) <http://www.ramblers.co.uk/programmes/online.php?> for the web version of the walks

or) <http://www.ramblers.co.uk/programmes/print.php?> for the printable version.

2) group=[group code]

where [group code] is the official ShortCode we use for your Area or Group, for example, Lake District is 'LD' while Carlisle is 'LD07'. To link to walks organised by the Area, just use the Area code, e.g. 'LD' for walks organised by the Lake District Area and to link to walks organised by a Group just type the Group code, e.g. 'LD07' for Carlisle's walks

and optionally:

3) &fromDate=[start date]

where [start date] is the earliest date for which you want walks listed.

4) &toDate=[end date]

where [end date] is the latest date for which you want walks listed.

Dates must be in the format 'dd-mm-yyyy', eg. '23-04-2011' for the 23rd of April 2011.

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5) &template=blank

Put this in if you would rather have the walks on a blank page, eg. for enclosing in a frame. Otherwise the page will have the standard items from the Ramblers website, i.e. the masthead, sidebar etc.

Do not put any spaces between the link elements.

Example

<http://www.ramblers.co.uk/programmes/online.php?group=BK04&fromDate=02-11-2003&toDate=10-01-2004&template=blank>

To make a link in html you use the code

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<a href="link">some display text</a>
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for example

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<a href="http://www.ramblers.co.uk/programmes/online.php?group=BK04 &fromDate=02-11-2006&toDate=10-01-2006&template=blank">South East Berks walks</a>
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