

# Restarting Ramblers activities

## Path monitoring

### Can the activity re-start?

Yes – path monitoring can resume from **10 June 2020** (subject to following the latest government advice in England, Scotland & Wales).

### What is involved?

Path monitoring is carried out by **footpath wardens, footpath officers** and **access officers**. Volunteers walk their local paths to check that they are clear of any obstructions, and report problems back to the appropriate authority.



Remember – in order to volunteer, your role needs to be recorded on our system. Check your volunteer roles here:

<https://ramblers.goassemble.com>

### ✔ Talk to your group footpath or access officer

Check whether path warden activities have re-started in your area, what information to collect, and the best way to report problems.

### ✔ Plan in advance & choose your route carefully

You must follow the latest government guidance on travel and transport. Staying local will often be the best option.

### ✔ Understand and manage the risks

Use our risk assessment template to consider the risks, and any steps you need to take to stay safe.

### ✔ Avoid busy routes and locations

Try to avoid congested areas, busy times of day and narrow paths. When other walkers are passing, remember to **stand back and give way**.



Think about planning **short, circular routes** – which you can access on foot from home.

### ✔ Follow the government guidelines on social contact & physical distancing

Keep up to date and follow the latest guidelines.

### ✔ Avoid touching gates and path furniture

If you do - wash your hands as soon as possible. We recommend carrying alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

### ✔ Walk responsibly

Always follow the [Countryside Code](#) (England & Wales) or the [Scottish Outdoor Access Code](#). Know where you can and can't walk, and be considerate to others.



As a walker on a right of way in England and Wales, you can remove as much of an obstruction as you need to use the path. For example, you could cut down brambles with a pair of secateurs, or bash down nettles.

### ✔ Report problems

If you discover an obstruction or issue, report it to the relevant authority. Remember to [download the Pathwatch app](#) too!

For more information, get in touch: [volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com)

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