

WELCOME

to East Surrey Ramblers.

We hope you enjoyed your walk with us, and will want to join the Ramblers.

EAST SURREY RAMBLERS

We were formed in 1983 and have 270 members, of whom about 50 are regular active walkers. We held our 25th anniversary celebration in 2008.

We welcome all walkers, and have different levels of walks to suit your ability. We hold a weekly walk, normally alternating between Saturday and Sunday, for those able to walk 10-15 miles. There are also regular shorter walks of 5-7 miles. There is also a midweek walk on the first and third Wednesday each month, and these are usually linear walks, along long distance footpaths; public transport can be used to get to and from the start and finish. We also organise two walking weekends per year, in various locations. We have an annual holiday of one or two weeks, sometimes in UK, and sometimes abroad. . We also have a volunteer group which does repair of stiles, overgrown paths etc, in association with the County Council. We have an active social programme, with a New Year's lunch, annual dinner, BBQ and social evenings. Our AGM is held in November.

We hope to see you again soon.

THE RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

Before about 1800 the countryside was seen as wild and threatening, a place to be crossed, rather than enjoyed. With increasing industrialisation people gradually began to visit the countryside. Unfortunately, some landowners blocked paths and put up notices to keep people out. This outraged people, who formed walking groups. In 1932 there was a mass trespass of Kinder Scout, and in 1935 some of these groups joined forces and the Ramblers Association was formed. The Secretary of the Ramblers campaigned for thirty years for long distance paths and in 1965 the Pennine Way was opened. In 1949, after lobbying by the Ramblers, ten National parks were opened, and footpaths were marked on maps for the first time. Then in the 1960's after more lobbying, paths were marked on Ordnance survey maps, and County Councils erected footpath signs. In the year 2000, Right to Roam legislation opened up many miles of wild country to walkers, and commons. We are now working to try to make all the coastline open. We are the biggest walking organisation in the UK, with approximately 140,000 members. Please consider joining the Ramblers.

John Nathan- Chairman East Surrey Ramblers.