



RAILWAY RAMBLERS

Membership Application Form

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Subscription Categories & Rates per Annum

Description	Fee	Total
Household (one or more at the same address)	£10	
Overseas (as Household but for members living abroad)	£15	
Group Membership (for groups of 10 or more)	£25	
Donations to General Fund (for the general running of the club)		
Donations to Footpath Fund (for converting old lines into footpaths/cycleways)		
Total Remittance Enclosed		
How did you find out about the club?		

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Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please complete and return to: Membership Secretary, Railway Ramblers, 27 Sevenoaks Road, London, SE4 1RA.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'Railway Ramblers'.

The club holds its AGM weekend in May each year, at different locations around the country which are chosen for their railway interest and available railway walks. The weekend usually includes a Saturday morning short walk or visit, followed by the formal meeting in the afternoon. Further walks are offered on the Sunday and Monday. Other weekend and longer breaks are also organised around the country, open to all members.



The club's membership includes people with extensive knowledge of railway history, and those whose main interest is the walking; our numbers include several railway/walking authors. In recent years, we have also provided consultancy services to a number of TV programmes, such as 'Railway Walks' with Julia Bradbury (2009) and 'Walking Britain's Lost Railways' with Rob Bell (2018).

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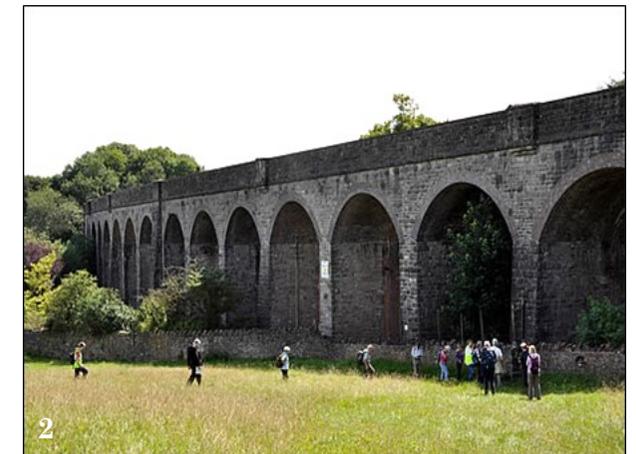
(1) The Camel Trail, Cornwall (Neil Hebborn); (2) Charlton Road Viaduct, Shepton Mallet, Somerset (Mike Spearman); (3) The Haytor Granite Tramway, Devon (Jeff Vinter); (4) Nickey Line Underbridge, Redbourn, Hertfordshire (Dave Godfrey); (5) Private trackbed walk, with permission (Neil Hebborn); (6) 'The 3ft Track', Dalegarth to Boot, Cumbria (Neil Hebborn). Brochure text and design by Neil Hebborn and Jeff Vinter. © Railway Ramblers, January 2020.



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Railway Ramblers is the UK's specialist club for walking and exploring old railways, with regional groups throughout the UK



Website: www.railwayramblers.org.uk



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Railway Ramblers is a national walking club that focusses on walking and exploring disused railways. It was founded in 1978 and now has over 650 members across the UK, plus a few who live overseas.

The club is organised into regional groups which arrange their own local walk programmes, but members are welcome to join walks anywhere in the UK. The length and type of walk varies from urban strolls of a couple of miles between old station sites, to tramping across the wilds of Dartmoor looking for the remains of old tramways, and everything in between.



Wherever possible, walks are arranged to be accessible by public transport, or car sharing will be organised from accessible pick-up points. Many walks are arranged to allow members to walk only part of the day (e.g. morning or afternoon), with advice given on transport links.

Walks will often include the chance for a pub/caf  lunch or a scenic spot for a picnic, depending on the location, local facilities and the time available.



The club publishes a quarterly magazine, 'Railway Ramblings', which is sent to all members. This includes club news, letters from members, the upcoming walks programme, walk reports, news of footpath developments and other articles submitted by members. In recent years, a separate 'Walk Reports Supplement' has been published in the autumn, providing more space for reports of the walks that have been run around the country, and sometimes of members' railway walks overseas.

The club's website holds a large amount of information on railway paths throughout the UK, including photographs and news updates on the development of new paths. An online gazetteer of walkable sections of old railway lines is also available to members.

Walks are organised by members, often in their local area. Some will be 'old favourites' that are put on the programme every few years, while others will be new walks. We also work with other organisations such as heritage railways and local history groups. These links allow private access to trackbeds, tunnels and station sites. Walks have also been possible along mothballed (and operational) lines, under the supervision of the appropriate authorities.

CLUB AIMS

The aims of Railway Ramblers are as follows:

1. To discover, explore and document disused railway lines.
2. To encourage interest in the walking and conservation of abandoned railway lines.
3. To bring to the attention of the appropriate authorities those disused lines which we consider to be suitable for conversion into public footpaths or cycleways.
4. To promote and assist with signposting, clearance of undergrowth and other maintenance work on closed railway lines.
5. To create regional groups of the society through the United Kingdom with area teams to organise local activities.
6. To bring together members of Railway Ramblers to walk the routes of abandoned railways in different parts of the country.
7. To disseminate up-to-date information through reports, newsletters, etc.
8. To respect private property and the Country Code at all times.

