

CRITERIA FOR SECOND PICK UP ON SUNDAY COACHWALKS

With the increasing range of walks we now offer, on occasion there are destinations from which it is not possible to complete attractive walks suitable for all grades.

There are certain locations that regularly featured on programmes in previous years that are no longer used because they are unsuitable for D walks in particular. It is accepted that our destinations should now allow scope for relatively flat walks with a selection of facilities available for the lower grade walkers to use whilst waiting for the longer walks to finish. Therefore we are no longer using some destinations located closer to certain mountainous areas and it is now no longer possible to reach certain mountain summits.

These guidelines set out the criteria that should be adopted where the Sunday Rambles Working Group (SRWG) decide a pick up point is required on the homeward route to collect walkers on walks grades from a secondary destination more suitable for them. This provision is available for all grades of walkers.

Criteria

1. Second pick up point to be agreed only at the time the Walks Programme is being developed by the SRWG. (As currently a walks leader cannot request a secondary pick up point when planning a walk.)
2. To be used exceptionally to cover situations where the SRWG consider the selected destination isn't a suitable venue for all grades of walks. (Likely to be required for no more than 3 walks per programme)
3. The secondary pick up point will be published of the Sunday Walks Programme but should be considered as an option and not necessarily used on every event.
4. Where a secondary pick up point is used, consideration to be given by walks leaders to depart from the main destination 15 minutes early to alleviate any short delay likely to be incurred in picking up walkers at the secondary pick up point.
5. The secondary pick up point must be on the homeward journey from the main destination.
6. The secondary pick up point must have a clearly identifiable pick up location, for example bus layby or car park suitable for a coach to turn in to.
7. The secondary pick up point should have a shelter of some form for use in the event of inclement weather and ideally toilet facilities.
8. It is the responsibility of the relevant walk grade representative and the walk leader(s) proposing the secondary pick up to ensure criteria 6 and 7 are met and the walk leader(s) make any necessary reference in the route description and RA.
9. Walkers at the second pick up point should prepare themselves to facilitate prompt boarding of the coach on arrival. The coach trunks can be accessed to retrieve coach footwear, place rucksacks etc.