

Sperrins Hillwalking Club – Rules for Club Members

- (1) Members must be 18 years or over. Under 18s are not permitted on walks due to Child Protection and Safeguarding Regulations.
- (2) All members must complete the Sperrins Hillwalking Registration form and pay the annual membership fee.
- (3) Non-members are welcome for two walks. For Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs (UFRC) Insurance purposes membership is required for further walks.
- (4) Walkers must come equipped with correct footwear, clothing, wet gear, food, water, personal first aid kit and walking poles (where required).
- (5) Walkers must familiarise themselves with the grades of the walks as it is the walker's responsibility to ensure they are fit to undertake the more challenging walks e.g., Grade 1 walks. The duration and walk grades are outlined in the Walks Programme.
- (6) All walkers must carry their emergency contact details in an easily accessible area of their backpack complete with details of any medical conditions. It is the walker's responsibility to ensure that medical issues are disclosed to the walk organiser(s).
- (7) No dogs are allowed on walks.
- (8) All waste, litter including biodegradable must be disposed of in the correct manner. Leave no trace.
- (9) Gates should be opened where possible. Gates must be left as you found them i.e. closed or tied. If the gate has to be climbed, it should be one at a time and strictly at the hinge end.
- (10) Fence wire must not be damaged. Wire should be crossed as designated by the walk organisers.
- (11) The walk year is from 1st January to 31st December.
- (12) The organised Club weekends are for Club members only. If a visitor joins a walk during the weekend it will be made clear to him/her that they are walking at their own risk and are not the responsibility of the club should anything happen. Contact details can be obtained for further reference.
- (13) The club's social media groups (WhatsApp/Facebook) were set up to keep people informed about important issues regarding walking and walks and to allow walkers to query any issues concerning walks. These groups should not be used to post about private walks, holidays, family matters or any other items not related to the operation of Sperrins Hillwalking Club without the approval of the committee.
- (14) Only photographs taken by club members of the club walks will be uploaded to the Sperrins Hillwalking Facebook page. Pictures or Photographs from photographers or other sources must not be used without the approval of the committee. This will reduce the risk to the club of copyright infringement.
- (15) Anyone who does not want their photograph taken must let the organisers know before the walk commences.