

PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY ATTENDING WALKS

People with a disability who are over the age of 18 are welcome to join WEA Ramblers Sydney and participate in walks, provided their safety and that of the group is ensured. Where someone requires special assistance, they will need to be accompanied by a personal assistant to provide them with any necessary support.

- A person with a disability may walk as a Member or Temporary Member (following the usual rules for Temporary Members).
- Before each walk they should contact the leader to discuss the walk and their ability to complete it without difficulty, as some Club walks could present significant challenges for some individuals.
- On arrival at the walk, they must sign either *Attendance Sheet for Members: Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations* or *Attendance Sheet for Temporary Members: Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations*.
- If they require a personal assistant to accompany them, the personal assistant must also be either a Temporary Member or Member of WEA Ramblers and must sign either *Attendance Sheet for Members: Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations* or *Attendance Sheet for Temporary Members: Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations*.
- If a Member or Temporary Member with an intellectual disability has any difficulty in providing their informed consent through the standard WEA Ramblers Sydney *Attendance Sheet Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations* process for Members or Temporary Members, the person's guardian or other substitute decision-making 'person responsible' will be required to sign, on their behalf, the WEA Ramblers Sydney *Attendance Sheet and Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations: Adults who are unable to give informed consent themselves* for each walk attended. This form will need to be downloaded from the website (www.wearamblers.org.au), completed prior to the walk and handed to the leader on arrival at the walk. Walk leaders will not carry spare forms with them, as prior completion and signature is essential.