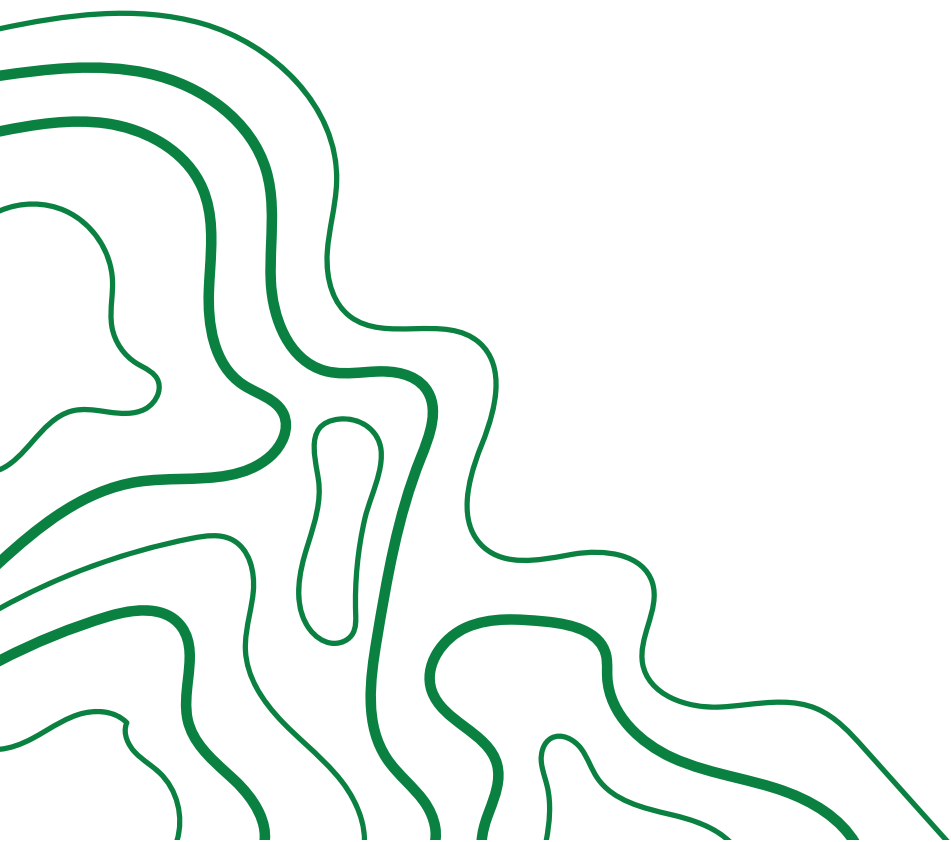




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Member Benefits





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Introduction

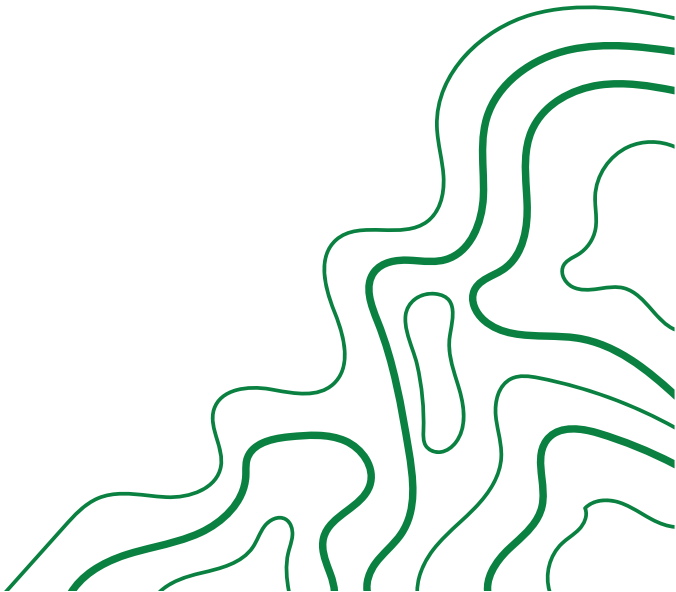
There are many great reasons to join a walking club affiliated with the **Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs (UFRC)**. As a member, you'll enjoy the opportunity to explore new trails led by **experienced and qualified walk leaders**, discover places you might not venture alone, and share memorable days outdoors with like-minded walkers.

£5 from your club membership fee affiliates you to UFRC and brings a range of **exclusive benefits** - from insurance cover and discounted training to retail savings and free annual events.

This document outlines the **member benefits available to all UFRC club members in 2026**. Further information is available via the UFRC website www.ulsterrambling.com.



Each year you will receive a new affiliation card.





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Discounts

UFRC members enjoy 10–20% discounts at a growing range of outdoor shops and service providers.

Simply use the provided discount code or show your UFRC membership card at the point of purchase.



Free Member Events

Join us for two key annual gatherings - both free to UFRC members:

- Autumn Gathering and AGM (October)
- Spring Gathering (March)

These events are a chance to meet fellow walkers, exchange experiences, and help shape the future of what UFRC delivers for its members.

Outdooractive

UFRC has partnered with Outdooractive, Europe’s largest outdoor platform, to offer discount vouchers for Outdooractive PRO/PRO+ subscriptions.

We are building a visible UFRC community on the platform – sharing UFRC-branded routes, events, and member-authored content. Members will be invited to contribute their own favourite routes to help showcase their clubs walking routes in NI.



Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance

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Unless they opt out (see page 7), all member clubs and their members are protected under the UFRC Public Liability Insurance Policy, which provides up to £5 million cover per incident.

This protection includes claims made by third parties – such as other members, members of the public, or landowners – for bodily injury or property damage that may occur during normal walking activities.

Key points:

- Cover applies to typical walking and hillwalking activities within the normal scope of a rambling club.
- Higher-risk activities (e.g. mountaineering) are not included.
- Members under 18 are covered only when accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 18.
- Walk leaders must have at least three years' experience and be competent for the grade of walk they lead.
- Leaders and clubs are expected to take sensible precautions, including route planning, first aid knowledge, notifying others of routes, and respecting landowners' property.

The policy also includes:

- Member-to-member liability – covers accidental injury or damage caused by one member to another.
- Leader liability – protects walk leaders against negligence claims.

Note: The policy does not cover personal injury or accidents common to hillwalking. Members who wish to avail of this cover should arrange separate personal accident insurance.

For definition of an "incident" which may give rise to a claim and how to report such an incident to UFRC, please refer to the insurance policy information on the UFRC website: www.ulsterrambling.com/affiliation-and-insurance/



Subsidised Training Opportunities

UFRC supports the development of members and walk leaders by offering discounted training courses, including:

- Rescue Emergency Care Level 2
- Mountain Skills
- Night Navigation
- Basic First Aid
- Hill and Moorland

These programmes help build confidence, safety, and leadership within the walking community.



UFRC also provide advice to their club on key issues – e.g., risk assessments, data protection, etc.

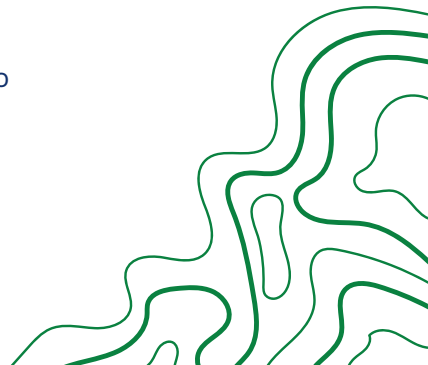
Satisfaction that they are supporting an organisation who provides a voice for walkers in Northern Ireland on key hill walking and rambling issues and who represent the interests of ramblers and hill walkers with a range of external bodies



Free Training Opportunities

Committee members from each club are also able to avail of the following free training opportunities:

- Leave No Trace
- Social Media
- Governance Training
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training
- PR Training





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Guidance notes for Clubs:

Re-Affiliation Process

All clubs are required to re-affiliate to UFRC every year by completing the online membership form and submitting payment of £5 per member between November and January.

Please note: All existing UFRC memberships - including insurance cover - will expire on 31 December.

Public Liability Insurance

Clubs that re-affiliate and pay the £5 per member fee will be covered under UFRC's comprehensive public liability insurance policy.

If your club does not wish to be included in this policy, please contact the UFRC Development Officer at admin@ulsterrambling.com to discuss alternative arrangements and to confirm that your club's existing insurance cover is appropriate.

Subsidised Training

All members are eligible to take part in subsidised training opportunities offered through UFRC.

It is at each club's discretion whether to provide any additional financial support to members who wish to attend these courses.

UFRC Committee Representation

At the UFRC Autumn Gathering and AGM, clubs have the opportunity to nominate a representative to sit on the UFRC Committee. The Committee plays a vital role in shaping the future direction of what UFRC delivers for its clubs. We strongly encourage all clubs to consider putting forward a representative. The expected commitment is attendance at four meetings per year.

For any questions or further information, please contact the UFRC Development Officer at admin@ulsterrambling.com or phone: 028 9030 3930



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