

## CEDU3A LONGER WALKS GROUP - GROUP ETIQUETTE

- To join a walk members must follow the procedure set out on the CEDU3A web-site
- Though walking is one of the safest outdoor activities, it is not completely without risk.
- All those joining a walk do so at their own risk.
- It is your responsibility to ensure your own safety and consider the safety of others.
- Please make sure that you are fit enough to undertake the walk you intend to join
- Walkers must have suitable clothing, footwear, food and drink.
- Walkers should read and abide by any advice and instructions issued by the group convenor or walk leader.
- Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit. When in doubt, contact the group convenor in advance.
- Walkers meet at the start point detailed in the programme. It is each walker's responsibility to be there and ready to depart at the stated time.
- During the walk members should keep the group leader/main party in sight at all times.
- There will be a designated back marker who ensures the group stays together.
- Walks may be modified on the day in the event of problems such as blocked paths, flooding etc. Please then follow and support the walk leader's decisions.
- In the event of bad weather, walk leaders, at their discretion, may cancel the walk. When possible, this will be displayed on the group's web page the day before the walk. Walkers are therefore advised to check the group's web site in the event of bad weather or phone the leader before setting out to ensure that the walk has not been cancelled.
- If a problem arises and you must stop or leave the walk, make sure the Leader knows!
- If the Leader is out of sight, call him/her on their mobile number if necessary – it will be in the published Walk Details.
- If you decide to leave a walk at an opt-out point, you are responsible for your own transportation decisions.
- **But most of all - please enjoy the walks**

**DOGS** - Well-behaved dogs are accepted on our walks, but before deciding to bring yours along please consider the following:

- While on the walk the dog is entirely your responsibility and should not be allowed to impact on the enjoyment of other group members in any way.
- The walk leader accepts no responsibility for the suitability/ safety of the route for dogs.
- There may be another member who has also brought their dog on the walk.
- Your dog should be capable of walking 8-10 miles at the pace adopted by the group
- Walking in the countryside means we often encounter livestock & also cross busy roads.
- Many pubs and cafes where we may stop for lunch/drinks do not allow dogs inside.
- If there any problems, the walk leader has the right to ask you and your dog to leave.

As a matter of courtesy, if you do decide to bring your dog, then please let the group leader know in advance of the walk.