

Rules for membership of Walking Wellington

By joining Walking Wellington you agree to follow these rules. If you don't agree with these rules please don't join the group. Rules and guidelines may be updated periodically and it is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any updates by reviewing this page regularly.

Disclaimer

When you sign up as a member of the group you understand that it is your responsibility to be adequately prepared for the walks you take part in, including having the right gear, food and water and not to undertake any activities if you are not well or may not be capable of completing a walk. In the event of an emergency every possible assistance will be offered, but the Organisers, Leadership Team and Event Hosts cannot be held responsible for any accident, injuries or losses sustained leading up to, during, or after an event.

1. Safety

The environments that we explore may have inherent risks and dangers. Walking Wellington takes safety seriously and we want all members to return from activities safe and well. Therefore, when you RSVP for an activity, please keep in mind the difficulty level as described in the walk and your own fitness and experience. If you have any questions about the walk please ask the walk Host in advance. We reserve the right to refuse people on events for not having the required fitness level or equipment for that particular event.

Members must notify the walk Host and obtain their approval if they wish to bring any guests on a walk who are under 18 years old.

We don't allow dogs on our walks.

2. Conduct and Behaviour

We expect that people come on our events because they want to have fun and keep active in a safe environment with a great group of people. Please show up on time for walks, and follow all directions given by the host.

When you attend a walk, it is expected that you will complete the full walk and not just part of the walk (barring an emergency). If you are not intending to complete the walk, you should remove your RSVP and allow another member to take your place.

Courtesy and respect of fellow walkers is expected at all times. Harassment of any kind is unacceptable and will be treated seriously by the Leadership Team and could result in the person being banned from the group.

3. RSVPs and Waitlists

When you RSVP for an event you take up a place. If your plans change, please change your RSVP as soon as possible.

If you RSVP 'yes' once an event is full, you will be placed on the waitlist.

Processes for managing the waitlist can differ so please read carefully the walk description to understand the waitlist process and how to get a space on the walk

You must also ensure that the communication settings you have set up for meetup allow you to receive emails from the Event Host, otherwise you may not be notified when a place becomes available, or when a walk is postponed, cancelled or otherwise changed.

4. No Show Policy

Every now and again people don't show up for walks. If there is a waiting list and you don't show up, it means someone else can't go. Even without a waiting list, your host and other walkers might be waiting around for you at the beginning of the walk.

So, please be considerate and attend all events that you have RSVP'd "Yes" for. Update your RSVP (or contact the Event Host) if you have an unavoidable change of plan.

We do record attendance on our walks, and three no shows will result in your membership of Walking Wellington being cancelled.

5. Cancellation Policy

An event will go ahead unless the Event Host says otherwise. If an event is cancelled or postponed for any reason the Host will notify all confirmed attendees by email at least two hours before the event start time as well as posting notification of the cancellation/postponement on Meetup.

Organising outdoor events in Wellington means that we sometimes have to make a judgement call depending on the difficulty of the walk and weather forecasts. We always

err on the side of safety, but since this is "Walking Wellington" we are not afraid of a bit of wind or rain.

6. Giving and Accepting Lifts

It is common for members to offer and accept lifts to events and we encourage car-pooling especially when parking may be limited at the start or end location for our walks. Lifts can usually be arranged via the comments section of a walk, or the Event Host may decide to start the meetup from a central point (such as Wellington Railway Station) to ensure that everyone has a ride.

If accepting a lift, it is customary to pay a share of the fuel costs. This is usually \$5 to \$10 depending on the distance from Wellington, though will sometimes be more. The Event Host will usually indicate the appropriate amount in the walk description.

7. Your Information and profile photograph on the Site

Please provide at least your first name and a clear, recognisable photo of your face. No big sunglasses, giant hats or other people in the photo please. Think passport, but no need to look so serious! This makes it easier for the Event Host and other walkers to recognise you.

We do not use your information for anything other than contacting you about events of Walking Wellington.

When contacting other members of the group we recommend you use Meetups' messaging system. This gives you the opportunity to keep your personal email private at all times (please read the instructions carefully when sending or replying to greetings from members).