

# Plan your own Route Tool

This tool will work best on a Laptop or Personal Computer. It is much better than I was expecting but does take some getting used to.

I have added the “Plan Your Own Route Tool” to our website after an email with this suggestion from Ramblers Webs (see <https://www.suttonwandleramblers.org.uk/walks/plot-your-ownroute.html>). The “Plan your own route” tool is linked to under the “Group Walks v” menu item on our website (<https://www.suttonwandleramblers.org.uk/>). This tool has several maps available namely:

- **Ordnance Survey.** The key for the 1:25,000 maps can be found at <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/documents/25k-raster-legend.pdf> and for the 1:50,000 maps at <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/documents/50k-raster-legend.pdf>.
- Open Street (this map shows some paths not on the OS maps). The key for this map can be found at <https://www.openstreetmap.org/key>.
- Open Topo. The key translated in to English can be found at <https://www.geograph.org/leaflet/otm-legend.php>.
- Bing Aerial (with or without labels)

**Initially I would not worry about route planning** but learn how to browse the map and other features. Please see <https://maphelp.ramblers-webs.org.uk/plot-walking-route.html> for details of how to do this.

**Only once familiar with the basics** would I start to use the other features. The help document above explains how to use the route planning tool. The help indicates that these feature are available:

- display your own walking routes - contained in a GPX file
- edit the route
- create a new route
- simplify the number of points defining the route
- reverse the direction of the route
- add or modify markers
- delete items
- display the elevations of points along your route
- save your walking route to a GPX file

**The best way to learn to play with it is by experimenting.**