

# ERA RECOMMENDS TRAIL

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## Article 1

European Ramblers' Association (ERA) creates the label **"ERA RECOMMENDS TRAIL"**.

## Article 2

ERA has protected sign and logo and it can't be used without permission of ERA. For this reason, any trail stakeholder can't use it without permission of ERA. Permission can be granted, by contacting ERA Secretariat.

## Article 3

The logo **"ERA Recommends Trail"** is a registered trademark of the ERA. The ERA recommendation label has been checked by ERA according to good application and use. However, the testing cannot ever truly reflect the range of situations encountered in practice.

## Article 4

**ERA Recommends Trail** label supports the ERA and its mission to promote walking.

## Article 5

To ensure ERA's quality standards, ERA has a [Working Group "Quality Day Walk"](#) which considers the proposed trail and suggests to the ERA Board. The ERA Board gives a final decision.

## Article 6

The label for the recommended trail, will be valid for 3 years from the date of recommendation approval. After 3 years, the recommended trail should be controlled by the trail manager. A label owner or keeper every 3<sup>rd</sup> year shall prove to ERA, that the criteria are fulfilled. In the opposite, the ERA recommendation will be pulled back and will be deleted.

The price for using the label is the same as for the [Leading Quality Trails, Long Distance](#) and the [Leading Quality Trails, Day Walk](#).

## Article 7

ERA may recommend trails with certain quality and where all criteria are fulfilled:

- The trail is well marked and easy to follow, either by map or electronically.
- The trail is properly maintained.

- The trail is accepted (or certified) by the local, regional, national or international authorities.
- The trail is published on map and properly described.
- The trail is accessible with public transport.
- The trail is having a name, a brand and a clear purpose.
- The trail lives up to the “sustainable hiking and responsible outdoor tourism” standards for example as [ERA Green Trail](#) or [WTN Green Flag Trail](#).
- Either the trail
  - Passes as much nature as possible.
  - Passes viewpoints, natural sceneries, and cultural points.
  - Passes varied and varying landscapes.
  - Avoids sealed road and traffic roads, cycling paths as much as possible.
- Or the trail is assessed with a recreational value of at least 5. [See Recreational Value for trails](#).

### **Article 8**

The ERA Board - after getting opinion of the WG Quality Day Walk - is responsible for the interpretation and change of this document.

### **Article 9**

If a trail manager disagrees with ERA decisions, the trail manager must contact the ERA Secretariat and ask for a meeting with the Quality Day Walk WG to seek an appropriate solution.