

Competition

Walking is one of the most popular activities for U3A members. There's much more to walking than simply exercising or enjoying the view. The Discovering Britain walks created by the Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers) inspire you to learn about the landscape when you're out on a walk. The RGS-IBG wants your help! Can you design a walk in your local area or a place you know well that tells a story about the landscape? All we're looking for is an outline. The story might tell the history of a village over time, explore links with other countries, or show how migration and trade has shaped a city over the centuries. The possibilities are endless!

What to do

Outline a walk that tells a story about a place

- It can be anywhere in the UK
- It should be between 2 and 5 miles in length
- It can be circular or linear
- There should be about 10 points of interest along the route

Rules

- Competition open to all U3A members
- Enter as an individual or group
- The walk must be in the UK
- Entries can only be submitted on the online entry form available on www.u3a.org.uk in the members' area under Events and Competitions
- Send completed entries to the RGS-IBG by email (discoveringbritain@rgs.org)
- Deadline 30 September 2012
- Judging will be done by the RGS-IBG and the judges' decision is final
- There will be one winner and three runners up
- If there are any queries, please contact the National Office on 020 8466 6139

What the judges are looking for

A coherent story running through the walk

Insight into a particular area

Capturing the excitement of exploring on foot

Prizes

The **winner** will receive a certificate signed by the Society's President; a year's Gift Subscription to the Geographical Magazine; free entry for members of your local walking group to an RGS-IBG Regional Event of your choice; and the opportunity to present your walk idea at the U3A event on 26 October.

Three **runners up** will receive a certificate signed by the Society's President and a 2013 'Britain from the Air' calendar.

The winner and runners up will also work with RGS-IBG staff to turn their ideas into full walks which will be published on the Discovering Britain website. The Third Age Trust will provide a printed version of the chosen walks on request and they will also be available on www.u3a.org.uk.

Prizes will be presented on **26 October 2012** at the U3A event at the RGS-IBG headquarters in London.

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for inspiration and ideas

