

Walking tall 漫步英国乡间

Vocabulary: countryside 词汇: 乡村

An estimated eight million people in Britain enjoy **rambling** in the Peak District every year.

But what many who enjoy **outdoor pursuits** don't know is that their "right to roam" was won by men who **sacrificed** their own freedom to gain access to the countryside for all.

In 1932 wealthy **landowners** had exclusive use of large areas of **moorlands** for **grouse shooting**.



Walkers were kept out by guards, until a group of 400 people from Manchester and Yorkshire, led by Benny Rothman, engaged on a mass **trespass**. The campaigner was jailed with four other men.

The event is credited by many with starting a movement that **paved the way** for the establishment of **national parks**.

Mr Rothman died in 2002 but he is now being honoured for his contribution with the **unveiling** of a **blue plaque** on his former home in Crofton Avenue, Timperley, Greater Manchester.

Retired professor, Harry, who **followed in his father's footsteps** by specialising in **environmental issues**, says: "He was a very optimistic man and he made the best of it when he went to prison. It didn't put him off campaigning, he went on campaigning on **environmental issues** most of his life."

Mr Rothman did live to see the Countryside Rights of Way **Act** passed by Parliament in 2000, ensuring the freedom of the countryside for future generations.

Roly Smith, a friend of Mr Rothman and an author of walking **guidebooks**, said: "It is **down to them** that we have got what we have today."

Councillor Jonathan Coupe, of Trafford **Council**, said: "The honour of having a **blue plaque** attributed to you means you have really made an impression on society."

"Mr Rothman contributed to the changing of history and it is because of him that we are able to enjoy the local countryside as often and freely as we can today."

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. According to the article, what were large areas of countryside used for by the 1930s?
2. How will Benny Rothman be honoured?
3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *Benny Rothman had a son who is interested in the same issues as himself.*
4. What expression in the article means activities carried out in open air?
5. What word means the act of entering into private property without permission?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. The Australian state of Queensland has lifted a 23-year ban on mining uranium, _____ the way for exports to India.

cleaning	following	paving	walking
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2. The day of celebration started with the _____ of a memorial stone in tribute to one of Teesside's all-time Olympic heroes.

uncovering	campaigning	rambling	unveiling
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3. Sometimes a pupil's performance is _____ to the way his teachers motivate him to study.

down	under	below	about
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4. Mary is ready to _____ her dreams of travelling the world in order to earn a living in a boring job so that she can feed her children.

pursuit	sacrifice	trespass	ramble
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5. Tom Hanks has been _____ with an Arts for Humanity Award at the New York Public Library.

honoured	unveiled	given	campaigning
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

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3. Is the following statement true, false or not given? *Benny Rothman had a son who is interested in the same issues as himself.* True. Environmental issues interested both men.
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Glossary 词汇表

to ramble	漫步
outdoor pursuits	户外运动
to roam	游逛
to sacrifice	牺牲
a landowner	一个地主
the moorlands	荒野
grouse shooting	捕猎松鸡
a trespass	一次非法入侵
to pave the way	为某事铺平道路
a national park	一个国家公园
to unveil	揭开
a blue plaque	一个蓝色牌匾
to follow in his father's footsteps	跟随父亲的足迹
an environmental issue	一个环境问题
the Act	一项法案、法令
a guidebook	一本旅行指南
to be down to (someone)	归功于 (某人)
a councillor	一名议员
a Council	政务会、议会