



Conforms to BS 5709	Stockproof	Ease of use for Pedestrians	Accessible to Motorised Wheelchair Users	Accessible to Manual Wheelchair and Pushchair Users	Accessible to Horsriders	Accessible to Pedal Cyclists	Accessible to Motorcyclists
✗	✓	☹️	✗	✗	✗	✓ ¹	✗

¹ accessible but not very convenient or suitable for the purpose

**• Notes**

A distinctive type of gate, designed, manufactured and supplied by British Gates and Timber, that is something of a hybrid between a gate and a stile. If properly used and maintained, it is fully stockproof.

When closed, the metal pivot posts are fastened by a small throw-over hoop. When the hoop is lifted, the posts can be pushed apart to allow the walker to step through: on releasing the posts, they automatically fall back into place. The hoop then needs to be replaced to re-fasten the gate.

The Rambler Gate has several advantages and disadvantages. Perhaps for this reason, it is liked by some users and land managers and disliked by others.

Advantages:

- it can be used by people who are unable to climb over a stile;
- it is relatively simple to install;
- it occupies considerably less space than a kissing gate.

Disadvantages:

- it requires regular maintenance, especially in keeping the channel at the base of the gate free of vegetation and other debris and ensuring that the gate sections swing freely and fall back into place so that the hoop can be re-fastened;
- the posts can catch a trailing leg if the user releases them too quickly;
- the posts can catch between a rucksack and the user's back if they are released too quickly;
- the lower bar can trip people up;
- it can be difficult to use for people who have a walking stick because it requires both hands to be free;
- it can be difficult for one person to hold open the posts for someone else who requires assistance.

• Construction and Installation Details

The gates are supplied complete by British Gates and Timber. The only installation required is the fixing in the ground of the two 1800 x 100 x 100 posts at either side of the gate. Provided they can be sunk to the correct depth and, when backfilling, the excavated soil is well rammed back around the posts, it should not be necessary to use concrete.

• Design Source and Contacts for Further Information

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• User Notes : Design Modifications and Reference Information