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There has been considerable work done on random random walks and finite abelian groups, but little on the dihedral group  $D_{2p}$ . This talk will discuss the convergence rates of a random walk on  $D_{2p}$  using one rotation and one flip to generate the walk. Plus, we will discuss the extension to random random walks on  $D_{2p}$  generated by more than one rotation or one flip. The arguments to be presented use representation theory and the upper bound lemma of Diaconis and Shahshahani. (Received August 04, 2005)