

Risk Assessment



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SITE LOCATION:	ACTIVITIES (TASKS): Guided Walk	ASSESSMENT DATE:
		ACTIVITY DATE:
NEAREST ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY DEPT:	ATTENDEES AT REQUIRED FIRST AID LEVEL: NAME / (LEVEL)	ACTIVITY LEADER:
		SITE POSTCODE/GRID REF:

RISK ASSESSMENT:
REFER TO GENERIC ACTIVITY & SITE RISK ASSESSMENTS WHEN COMPLETING THIS SECTION

REASONABLY FORESEEABLE HAZARDS WITH POTENTIAL FOR HARM	WHO'S AT RISK?	REASONABLY PRACTICABLE PRECAUTIONS TO REDUCE RISK LEVEL	NEW RISK LEVEL (H/M/L)	WHEN? (B / D)	GROUP TOLD? (TICK)
Car parking Risk of injury to staff/guests and crashes	All	Any car park marshals to wear Hi-viz jackets. Maintain safe working distance from moving vehicles (5m). Where possible separate vehicle access from pedestrian walk ways	L	D	
Terrain Risk of injuries to feet / ankles / legs. Risk of falling.	All	Advise participants on nature of terrain and suitable footwear. Avoid cliffs/extreme slopes, and unstable ground, e.g. rabbit warrens.	L	B/D	
Fitness Risk of fatigue / heart attack / other.	All	Advise participants on duration of walk and topography. Know the exact location of the nearest telephone.	L	B	
Weather Risk to health of high/low temperatures or conditions created by extreme weather e.g. wind (falling branches), heavy rain, strong sunshine	All	Abort event in extreme weather that may be a risk to health. Advise participants on suitable clothing, footwear, need to carry water, sun cream etc. to cope with weather conditions.	L	B/D	
Wildlife Injury from thorns, branches, nettles etc. sensitisation / photo-sensitisation from certain plants, insect bites, adder bites, poisonous plants/fungi.	All	Advise participants of any hazards from wildlife likely to be found on site. Consider an alternative routes or timing to avoid any particularly hazardous areas/times.	L	B/D	
Disease risk Risk of contracting disease e.g. Weil's disease, Lyme's disease, Tetanus.	All	Advise participants of any particular risks associated with site/activity and to wash hands before eating/smoking etc. esp. if contact with water or other potential disease-carrying or poisonous substances	L	B/D	

Please complete with any relevant additional hazards and precautionary measures ...

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS REQUIRED