

Person completing risk assessment and date done:

Route of Walk**No list is exhaustive, so think carefully about risks specific to a walk and be ready to modify during the walk.**

Possible Hazards	Who's at risk	Mitigation
Crossing busy roads	W	Identify suitable crossing points on busy roads and marshal these
Accidents while walking along roads	W	Maintain single file on busy narrow roads without pavements. High Vis jackets available if weather is poor or there are long stretches on busy roads
Danger from Animals	W	Leave gates as found. Awareness of livestock on route. Warn walkers e.g. going between cows and young calves. Be aware of other issues e.g. an identified wasp nest.
Danger of Ticks and Snakes	W	Alert walkers if area contains ticks. Advise them to cover legs to reduce chance of being bitten and to look for signs of a bite on return from their walk. Keep to paths.
Losing someone on the walk	W	Have a list of attendees and do regular headcounts to check party. Appoint a back marker to ensure nobody gets lost off the back of the group
Getting Lost on the walk	W	Leader knows area very well or has done a recce of the route. There is a map and compass available, or phone with map reading app. Use just 3 words There is a mobile phone available. Keep group closer together if visibility is poor.
Risk of getting too cold on the walk	W	Leader to check weather forecast. Leader to check party suitably attired at the start of the walk. A spare layer is available if needed.
Risk of getting too hot	W	Leader to check forecast and advise group about sun hats and suncream prior to walk. Check there is a spare supply of water if needed.
Risks of Trips or Falls	W	Check forecast for possible wet or slippery ground. Advise walkers if footwear is unsuitable Warn group ahead of steep sections and adjusting walking speed. Advise not walking across cattle grids if there is an alternative. Take care over obstructions e.g. stiles. Use of both hands and if using poles placing them on the far side. Be ready to provide assistance if needed.
Risk of someone being unwell on the walk	W	Basic First Aid kit available. Mobile Phone available. Group have chance to let leader know of any relevant medical information. Advise against or not allow to walk if there are concerns about their health. Give breaks and ensure slower walkers have rested before moving on.
Risk of Effects of Severe Weather	W	Monitor the weather forecast and do not walk if strong winds mean risk of falling objects, or there is danger of lightning.
Risk from MOD firing	W	If walking in area used by army, check range not in use. Obey any signage or instruction.
Transmissible disease	W,GP	Walkers not to attend with Covid, or similar transmissible infections, or severe symptoms
In these sections W stands for Walkers, GP stands for General Public		
Risks related to the particular walk		The Route is either well known or a Recce undertaken to establish any specific hazards. Group are made aware of the length and difficulty
e.g. Temperature		Temperature likely to be very hot so walkers will need plenty of water
Misc		If there are any other issues, or any of the above that need highlighting these will be covered by the leader before the walk begins