

Use this risk assessment to help you understand the risks and any steps you need to take to stay safe before leading a group walk. Please complete and keep a copy for every walk. Insert a tick for actions that are being taken and a cross if not applicable. Discuss the Hazards and Risks with your walk coordinator who will store the completed Risk Assessment on the website.

Ways to control the risks (Risk controls are also included in the [Covid Secure Guidance For Walk Leaders and Covid Secure Guidance For Walkers](#))

Route Title

Broofield College Circular Walk

Length (Miles)

7.2

Grade

Leisurely

Date of Recce

13/07/2020

Recce Weather Conditions

Sunny

Date of Walk

29/08/2020

Walk Leader

Val Kersey

Possible Covid-19 Walking Hazards

Transmission of COVID-19 through close contact / meeting other people

Who might be harmed and how?

Walkers, members of the public – risk of spreading COVID-19

1. Plan the walk to avoid busy times or busy areas.

Yes

2. Minimise busy or narrow routes where physical distancing is difficult.

Yes

3. Limit the group size to within the current maximum (30 on 30/07/2020).

Yes

4. Remind walkers beforehand about the guidelines, including avoiding car sharing and public transport.

Yes

5. Advise walkers to follow the government physical distancing guidelines – this is everyone’s responsibility.

Yes

6. Advise walkers to maintain physical distancing at any pinch points or road crossings.

Yes

7. Carry a face covering and gloves in case of incidents.

Yes

8. Ensure you have a record of who attended the walk (website booking list).

Yes

Possible Covid-19 Walking Hazards

Transmission of COVID-19 through touching gates, stiles, fences or equipment

Who might be harmed and how?

Walkers, members of the public – risk of spreading COVID-19

9. Plan a route which minimises gates and stiles.

Yes

10. Advise walkers to bring and use hand sanitiser and/or wear gloves.

Yes

11. Advise walkers not to share food, drink or equipment such as walking poles.

Yes

Possible Walking Hazards

Bad weather (including extreme temperatures)

Who might be harmed and how?

Walkers – risk of illness and injury, risk of the group being stranded

12. Check the weather forecast and postpone or cancel if necessary. Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and equipment for the conditions. Advise taking extra water in hot conditions

Yes

13. Make a note of 'escape routes' on the recce.

Yes

Possible Walking Hazards

Busy roads

Who might be harmed and how?

Walkers – risk of collisions with vehicles

14. Avoid routes along busy roads where possible and check for suitable crossing places on the recce.

Yes

Possible Walking Hazards

Steep, slippery or muddy sections.

Who might be harmed and how?

Walkers – risk of trips & slips

15. Check for muddy or slippery sections on the recce and adapt the route if necessary. Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions.

Yes

Possible Walking Hazards

Livestock

Who might be harmed and how?

Walkers – risk of injury, risk of property damage if livestock escape

16. Cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Dogs on leads. Be prepared to divert around livestock if necessary. If chased, let dogs off leads.

Yes

17. Follow the countryside code and close gate's behind you.

Yes

Possible Walking Hazards

Cliffs or sheer drops

Who might be harmed and how?

Walkers – risk of falls

18. Check paths are suitable to use safely for the grade of walk and make changes if necessary.

Yes

19. Follow any local warnings or signs, and advise walkers to keep away from cliff edges and steep drops.

Yes

Possible Walking Hazards

Evening walks & Moonlight Walks

Who might be harmed and how?

Increased risk of trips and falls due to low light

20. Ask all participants to bring head torches with them in walk description.

Yes

21. Use electronic navigation method to keep on route.

Yes

Notes

If you have any comments or notes to add please use the space provided below