

Group Walks | Risk Assessment

This risk assessment is aimed at ensuring that all reasonable safety precautions are taken into account. It is a generic assessment that has been shared with all our Walk Leaders and they should refer to it before leading any walks.

Peterborough Walkers recce our Sunday walks and most of our evening walks.

For our weekends away, due to the distant locations, walks will probably not have been checked out beforehand.

We expect all participants on our walks to take due care and attention for their own safety, and those of others on the walk.

Hazards		Precautions Recommended
Weather What is the forecasted weather?	Is there any danger of extreme temperatures, heavy rainfall or other severe weather events?	If the weather forecast is severe, indicating threat to life or risk of injury, then postpone/cancel/re-route as necessary Use our Secretary/FB group to advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and items for the conditions If completing a recce, make a note of 'escape routes' on the recce, or short-cuts
Traffic	Do you need to cross or walk along a road? Are there any level crossings?	Check for suitable crossing places on the recce Communicate clearly with the group on the day Appoint a backmarker to ensure the whole group cross safely Maintain single file on any road sections
Path surface and obstacles	Are there hazards such as slippery paths, loose rocks, stiles, fallen trees, steep drops?	Check for hazards on the recce and adapt the route if needed Provide clear information to walkers beforehand Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions
Animals	Will you pass livestock? Is there any danger of ticks or bites/stings?	Let walkers know to cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Be prepared to divert if needed Leave gates and property as you find them Advise walkers to check for ticks and remove promptly if found
Communications	Is there a chance you could get lost, lose touch with walkers, lose visibility or phone signal?	Ensure mobile phones are present and charged Ensure you are carrying the relevant maps (paper and/or electronic) Pre-register phone with the 999 Emergency text service (Simply text 'Register' to 999 and follow instructions) Let somebody know your plans and the time you expect to be back

If you have any questions about walking with **Peterborough Ramblers on our group walks**, please get in touch with our Secretary: www.pyw.org.uk/contacts.html