

Walking the Wolds Summer Evening Saunter Laurel Vines Vineyard 04.08.25

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
Any potential risks that result in walkers being unable to carry on and / or needing hospital treatment	All	Devise emergency plan with access routes for vehicles, what3words locations, share emergency plan with all volunteer helpers	Ensure that there is a qualified first aider with the party. Remain in contact with helpers via walkie-talkies at all times. Keep group together	SM & volunteer helpers	Emergency plan completed in advance of the walk.
First aid requirements	Caused by walking in the countryside	SM to carry first aid kit/. Walkers to carry own first aid kits. Advice given along the way if paths uneven or new hazard identified. Steady walking pace.	None	SM	On the day
Emergency Contacts	May be required if accidents occur	SM to gather emergency contacts before setting off	None	SM	On the day
Other dogs	Dogs may react to other dogs arriving to take part	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Uneven ground, slippery and wet underfoot	People may slip, trip and fall	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles before hand	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly if ground becomes slippery	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Biting Insects if hot etc	People might react badly or be uncomfortable	Advise to carry bug-repellent	SM to carry bug repellent	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day

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Heat / Sun	People / Dogs get over heated / suffer from sunstroke	Advise to wear high factor sun screen and to carry sufficient water for them and their dogs. People also advised to wear protective clothing and hats.	Take regular walking breaks and allow dogs time to cool off in the streams along the route	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Newly sown crops – dogs running into them	Crops / Farmers	Advise on responsible dog ownership before setting off	Owners to read risk assessment on web site	Walkers / SM	On the day
Dog mess created along the route	Wild animals and crops	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	SM to carry spare doggy bags	Walkers / SM	On the day
Horses or cyclists on bridleways	People may be hit, dogs may be frightened, horses may be frightened	Advise to keep a watch out for other users and keep dogs on leads if horses / cyclists seen	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners / Walkers	On the day
Footpaths with nettles	People may get nettled. People may have extreme adverse reactions	Prior warn walkers to wear long trousers / shirts and to be careful. Emergency numbers to be taken on the morning before setting off	Restate on the day as we approach footpaths to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Farm machinery on fields	Dogs, if not on leads may get injured	Advise to keep a watch out for other users and keep dogs on leads if farm machinery seen	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners / Walkers	On the day
Cut grass on footpaths obscuring holes and trip hazards	People may trip and fall. Sprained ankles or similar hazards	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Walkers / Dogs become unwell	People fall ill and cannot continue or fall behind	Advise on difficulty of walk, for people to decide if they are able to	Post a back-marker & midpoint marker walker (with high vis-vest) to ensure no one is left. Use	SM / Back marker	Prior to the walk and on the day.

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		undertake it (and if their dogs can do the same)	walkie-talkies and walk at a pace that all walkers can do.		
Car Park at Laurel Vines – cars moving around – people & dogs	Dogs may run in front of or behind cars if not controlled and hit / be hit by cars	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Deep water & steep banks along edges of the path and different times – rivers and dikes	Dogs may get into difficulty if they jump in – may be strong current	Warn owners before-hand to keep dogs on a lead if they do not want them in the river	Restate on the day	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Electric Fences	Dogs or people may be shocked and harmed	Warn owners before-hand to keep dogs on a lead	Restate on the day	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Stile just before stretch along Arram Beck	Large dogs might not be able to get underneath. People might trip and fall	Warn owners before hand (Bill was able to do it easily)	Restate on the day and check as people / dogs are coming through.	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
Livestock in field along Arram Beck (behind electric fence)	Livestock worried- Cows in evidence	Pre-checked and cows in evidence but away from the trail.	If on the day the cows are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close control and the group will walk slowly in single file past them	Dog Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day
Dogs may run off if not kept under control	May unexpectedly come across livestock or ground nesting birds	Keep dogs under close supervision	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog owners	On the day
Highland Cattle (and calves) in field near White House Farm – calves can get under the electric fence that surrounds the field	Livestock worried- Cows in evidence	Pre-checked and cows in evidence but behind electric fence (although calves can escape)	If on the day the cows are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close control and the group will walk slowly in single file past them	Dog Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day

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Cows on route	Livestock worried – walks and dogs scared / injured	Route checked on 30.07.254 – cows in evidence and route changed. Also, been in touch with Dumble Farm about moving their cows	If on the day more cows are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close control and the group will walk slowly in single file past them	Dog Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day
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EMERGENCY PLAN – 4th August 2025 – Aike Waterways

