

Walking the Wolds – Farthings Vineyard Spring Evening Stroll – 07.05.25

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
Toilets	Walkers	Toilets at Farthings Vineyard – no sink	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site & bring wet wipes	SM	On the day
Other dogs	Dogs may react to other dogs arriving to take part. Dog may also get excited, run and trip people up.	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners. People to remain aware of dogs in the vicinity	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
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
Cars and other vehicles on roads	People and dogs may get hit and injured	Advise in final details	Advise on day – SM & AB to carry radios and advise of	Walkers / SM	On the day

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			approaching cars and take care when crossing roads to ensure walker's safety		
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 undertake it (and if their dogs can do the same)	Post a back-marker walker (with high vis-vest) to ensure no one is left. Use walkie-talkies and walk at a pace that all walkers can do.	SM / Back marker	Prior to the walk and on the day.
Muddy and rutted paths in places	Uneven – people may trip and fall	Walk steadily and at a pace to suit everyone. Try and pick out drier parts of the path	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Farm machinery moving around in the fields on the walk	People and dogs may get hit	Keep dogs on leads and watch out for vehicles	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Ground nesting birds disturbed	People to keep dogs to valley paths and not allow them to run up the sides of the dales – to have good recall	Keep dogs on leads if necessary	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Crops trampled / Dogs effected by poisonous sprays	Keep dogs off newly sown and growing fields particularly on Farthings Vineyard land	Keep dogs on leads if necessary	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Growing vineyards	Crops may get damaged if dogs run into them	Keep dogs on leads at the Vineyard on arrival – paddock area provided by owner for initial off lead running / meet and greet	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site and advised on day	All walkers	On the day

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Slippery and steep slope down into Wan Dale	People may slip and fall	Advise to take walking poles, take the route steadily and do not rush. Alternative flat route provided for those people not wanting to attempt it	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site. Split party at appropriate point – easier route to walk with Alison, rest to walk with Sarah. Let dogs off leads if sheep not present	All walkers	On the day
Livestock in Wan Dale	Livestock worried- Advised by owner that sheep will be present in the Dale	Pre-checked and sheep are present	If on the day dogs should 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
Muddy pond at top of Wan Dale – with very steep and hidden sides	Dogs may want to jump in – pond full of noxious mud	Prior to reaching this pond advise group to put dogs on leads (this could also be where the sheep are present	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site. SM to advise on the day. If dogs do jump in there is a hose pipe at the Vineyard	Dog owners	On the day