

## Walking the Wolds – Thixendale - September Walk 07.09.24

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?
<b>Any potential risks that result in walkers being unable to carry on and / or needing hospital treatment</b>	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.
<b>First aid requirements</b>	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
<b>Emergency Contacts</b>	May be required if accidents occur	SM to gather emergency contacts before setting off	None	SM	On the day
<b>Toilets</b>	No toilets on route	Use facilities at home or on route	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	SM	On the day
<b>Other dogs</b>	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
<b>Uneven ground, slippery and wet underfoot</b>	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
<b>Biting Insects if hot etc</b>	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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<b>Heat / Sun</b>	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
<b>Dog mess created along the route</b>	Wild animals and crops	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	SM to carry spare doggy bags	Walkers / SM	On the day
<b>Horses or cyclists on bridleways</b>	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
<b>Footpaths with nettles and thistles</b>	People may get stung. 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
<b>Farm machinery in fields</b>	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
<b>Cut grass on footpaths obscuring holes and trip hazards</b>	People may trip and fall. Sprained ankles or similar	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
<b>Walkers / Dogs become unwell</b>	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.

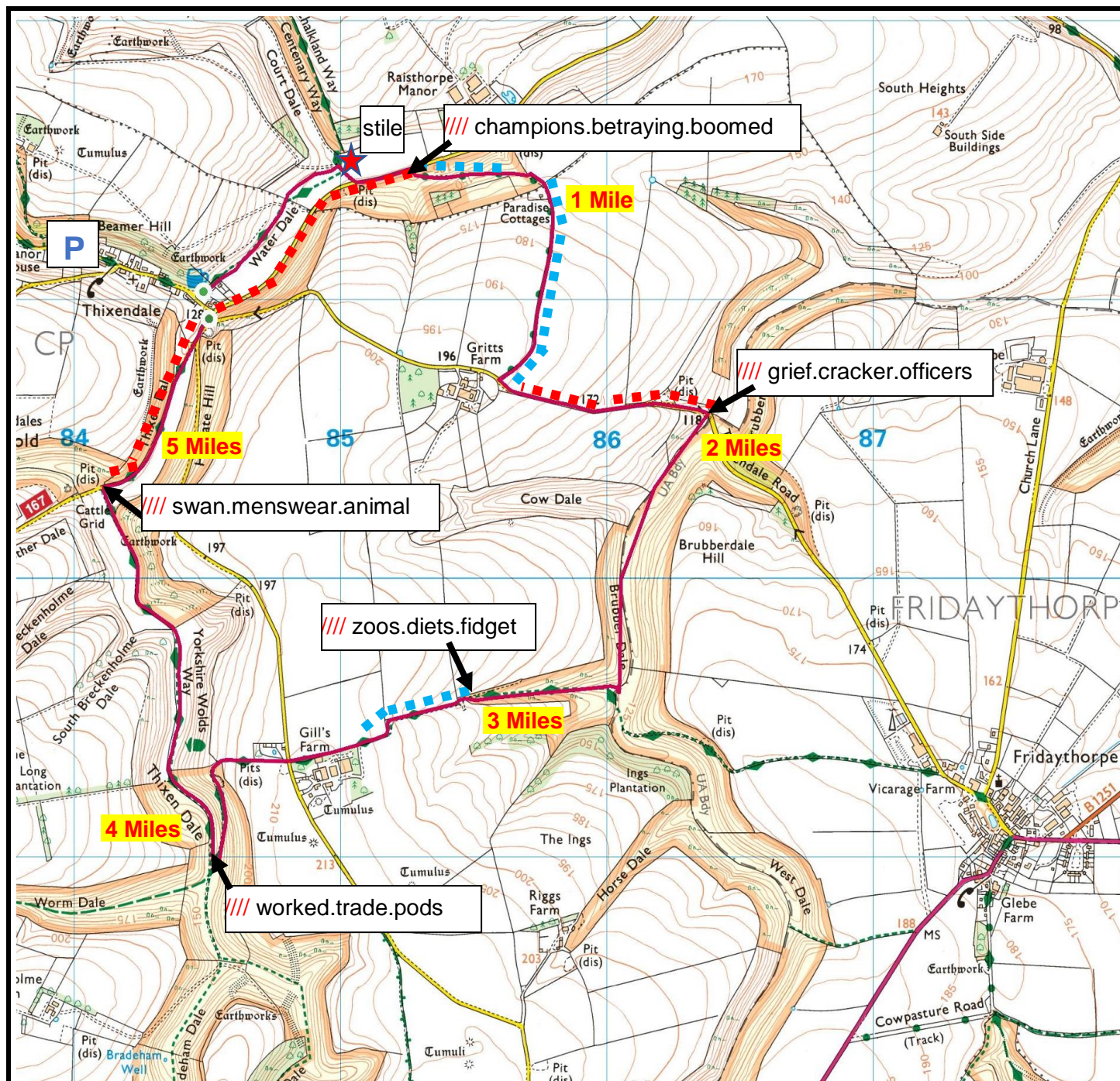
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<b>Car Parking area at Thixendale Village Hall &amp; village– cars moving around – people &amp; dogs</b>	Dogs may run in front of or behind cars if not controlled and hit / be hit by cars	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Stile in Water Dale – impassable for dogs – Gate used to bypass it may be locked</b>	Have to change route	Check if gate is locked in the morning before the walk and if it is plan to walk down the road from Thixendale to avoid it	Use alternate route along road and advise on the morning	All walkers	On the day
<b>Cars on road running alongside Water Dale</b>	Dogs may run in front of 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
<b>Breeding ground nesting birds in field next to Paradise Cottages</b>	Dogs and birds	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
<b>Cars on Thixendale Road</b>	Dogs may run in front of 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. Use walkie talkie between front and back markers to advise group of oncoming traffic	Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Livestock (sheep) in Brubber Dale (Open Access Land)– keep dogs on leads</b>	Livestock worried- Sheep in evidence 29.08.24	Pre-checked and sheep in evidence and on the trail	Dogs to be put on leads, kept under close control	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
<b>Dogs may run off if not kept under control</b>	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
<b>Minor Road at Gill's Farm (no gate to road)</b>	Dogs may run in front of cars if not controlled and hit / be hit by cars	Dogs put back on leads and under supervised control by owners before reaching Gill's Farm	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog owners	On the day

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<b>Dew Pond at top of Thixendale (fenced but dogs can get under)</b>	Dog may decide to take a dip – hazards under the water unknown	If owners do not want this, dogs to be put on leads	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog owners	On the day
<b>Livestock (sheep) in Thixendale</b>	Livestock worried- Sheep NOT in evidence 29.08.24	Pre-checked and sheep NOT in evidence and on the trail	If sheep appear dogs to be put on leads, kept under close control	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
<b>Road back to Thixendale</b>	Dogs may run in front of 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. Use walkie talkie between front and back markers to advise group of oncoming traffic	Dog Owners	On the day

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**Route – 5.32 miles**

**Total Ascent – 610 feet**

**Vehicle Access Route:**

## Un-Made Track

Road, Lane or Farm Track

Route

Start / Finish – Thixendale Village Hall YO17 9TG

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**Nearest A & E – 20.8 miles away - York Hospital,  
Wigginton Road, York, North Yorkshire, YO31  
8HE. 01904 631 313**

**Nearest Emergency Vet – 12.3 miles away –  
Aldgate Veterinary Practice, St John's Place,  
Drifffield YO25 6QD- (24 hour) - 01377 252087  
(Drifffield) or 01262 677269 (Bridlington)**

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