

Walking the Wolds – Huggate Dales Spring Stroll 14.03.25

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 Seaways	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	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 approaching cars and take	Walkers / SM	On the day

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especially on the A166			care when crossing roads to ensure walker's safety		
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
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 Northfield farm	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	Keep dogs on leads if necessary	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Livestock in the various Dales	Livestock worried- Cows and sheep not in evidence 03/03/25	Pre-checked and livestock not in evidence	If on the day the livestock are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close	Dog Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day

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			control and the group will walk slowly in single file past them		
Slippery slope down into Cow Dale and up to the Poetry Bench	People may slip and fall	Advise to take walking poles, take the route steadily and do not rush	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Machinery and vehicles moving around at top of Harper Dale	Dogs and people may get hit	Keep dogs on leads	Owners to be advised on the day to put dogs on leads on approach	SM	On the day
Deep pit at top of Harper Dale – with very steep and hidden sides	Dogs may run and fall in – could cause severe injury or even death	Prior to reaching this pit (before the cattle grid) take a break with the whole group and advise to put dogs on leads until past the hazard	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site. SM to advise on the day (Volunteer helpers to also advise walkers)	Dog owners	On the day
Cattle Grid	Dogs may try to cross and fall in injuring themselves	Advise owners to have dogs on leads and lead along the side of the cattle grid (see entry of deep pit, just after cattle grid – dogs to remain on leads until past)	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site. SM to advise on the day (Volunteer helpers to also advise walkers)	Dog owners	On the day
Fenced off area on left as travelling through Harper Dale with pheasant breeding within	Dogs may run off and try and enter the compound – Dogs and birds may be injured	Advise owners to put dogs back on leads whilst passing by	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	Prior to the walk and on the day