

## Walking the Wolds – Millington Sunday Lunch Saunter – 17.08.25

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?
<b>Car Park – 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 will be asked to take their dogs to the enclosed dog play park on arrival to wait for everyone to gather.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Other dogs</b>	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
<b>Uneven ground, slippery and wet underfoot</b>	People may slip 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
<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>Newly sown crops – dogs running into them</b>	Crops / Farmers	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Walkers / SM	On the day

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<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>Swineridge Road</b>	Dogs may run out onto road and hit / be hit by vehicles	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Restate on the day as we approach roads to put dogs back on leads if they are off-lead	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
<b>Trapped fingers in gate latches</b>	Trapped fingers	Walkers to read risk assessment and SM to unlatch gates	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
<b>Traffic on the Balk</b>	Dogs and owners may be hit by vehicles	Advise on the day to be mindful of oncoming vehicles. Keep dogs on leads	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Steep descent into bottom of Whitekeld Dale</b>	Bring walking poles and let dogs off leads if no cows	Take care when descending footpath (do not do a Mrs M!)	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Livestock in field in Given Dale / Whitekeld Dale</b>	Livestock worried (cows or sheep) Cows not in evidence 13.08.25)	Pre-checked and cows not in evidence, but could be moved on the day. Sheep were in Given Dale earlier in the week	If on the day the cows or sheep 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
<b>Road in Great Givendale</b>	Potential of cars and other traffic and dogs may hit / be hit by cars	Keep dogs on leads and to the grass verges if required. Walk facing oncoming traffic	Advise on the day	Dog Owners and SM	On the day

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<b>Footpath from Great Givendale Road – overhanging nettles and brambles</b>	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 footpath to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and 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>Potential of tree felling in Grimthorpe Wood</b>	Watch for any activity on the day, and remain at a distance from activity / wait for it to finish. Keep dogs on leads	Walkers to read risk assessment	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
<b>Fallen tree in Grimthorpe wood blocking path</b>	Negotiate around it watching footing	Walkers to read risk assessment and SM to lead around it	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
<b>Stile at the end of Grimthorpe Wood</b>	Potential of dogs not being able to cross it. Walkers having to turn back. Walkers may also have difficulty climbing it and may slip	Advise prior to the day. Tested being able to get underneath with Bill (Golden Retriever)	Send out final details prior to the day, so that people can decide if it can be cleared by them and their dogs	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>2 x Stiles at Mill Farm</b>	Potential of dogs not being able to cross it. Walkers having to turn back. Walkers may also have difficulty climbing it and may slip	Advise prior to the day. Tested being able to get underneath with Bill (Golden Retriever)	Send out final details prior to the day, so that people can decide if it can be cleared by them and their dogs	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Electric Fences along footpath to Swineridge Lane</b>	Keep dogs on lead / take care not to touch it	Walkers to read risk assessment	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day

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<b>Footpath along Hillside Plantation – brambles and over hanging trees</b>	People may get nettled. People may have extreme adverse reactions	Prior warn walkers to wear long trousers / shirts and to be careful to watch eyes. Emergency numbers to be taken on the morning before setting off	Restate on the day as we approach footpath to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<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