

Walking the Wolds – Discover Thixendale – 20.10.24

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?
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	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
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

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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 and thistles	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
Farm machinery in 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	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 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.
Game shooting in vicinity	People and dogs harmed	No shooting will be taking place on Sunday 20 th Oct	Checked and all OK	SM	14.10.24 (checked)
Car Parking area at Thixendale Village Hall & village– 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
Stile in Water Dale – impassable for dogs – Gate used to bypass it may be locked	Have to change route	Check if gate is locked in the morning before the walk and if it is plan to	Use alternate route along road and advise on the morning	All walkers	On the day

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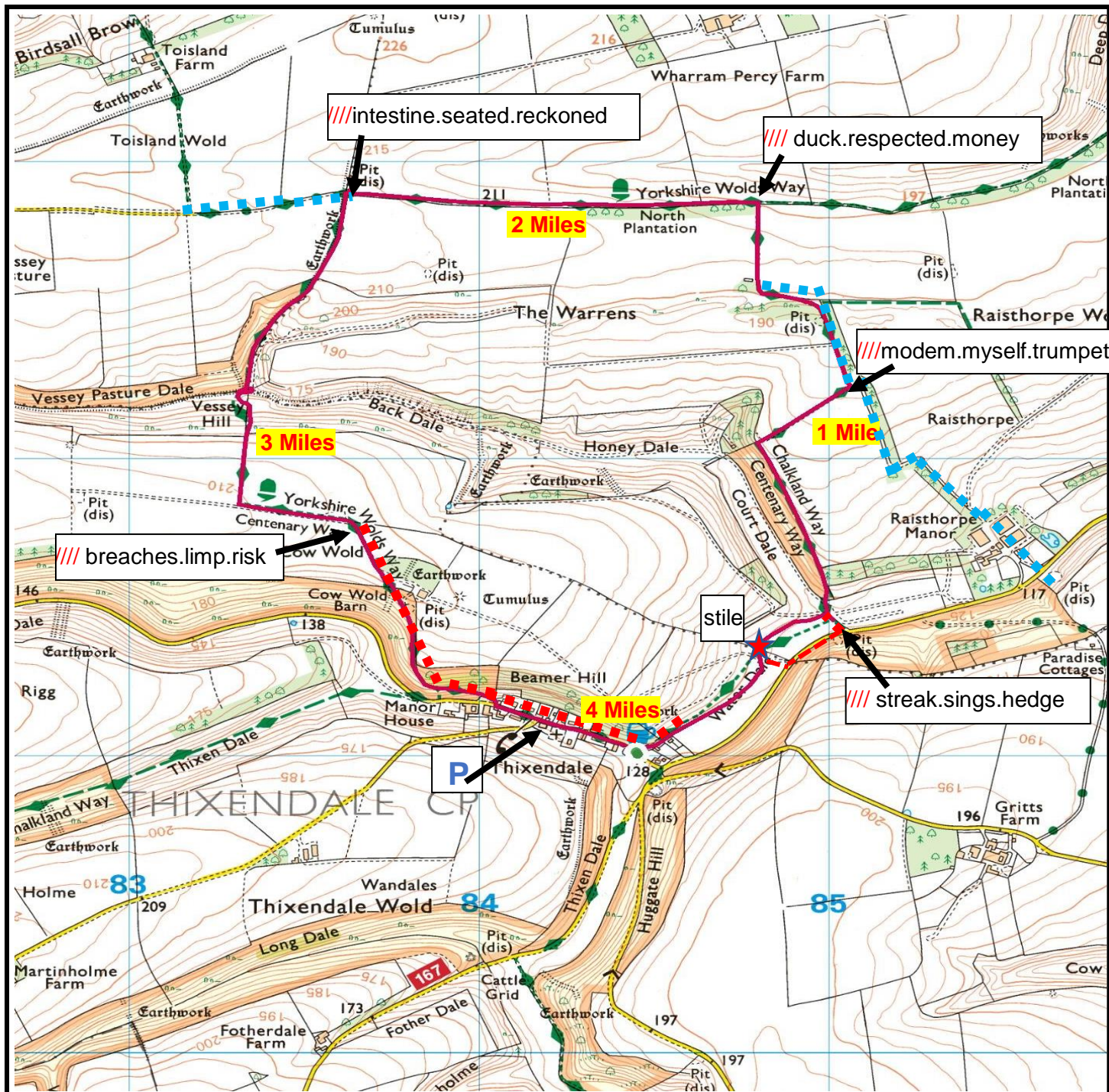
		walk down the road from Thixendale to avoid it			
Cars on road running alongside Water Dale	Dogs may run in front of cars if not controlled and hit / be hit by cars	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
Steep narrow track, up and along Minster Way	People may slip or trip. Dogs must be kept on leads due to Estate rules and therefore could pull people over	Walk steadily and at a pace to suit everyone. Dogs to be kept on leads and walked in front of owners along the path	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Raisthorpe Estate paths - multiple game birds in evidence	Dogs may run off and chase them across fields and steep sided valleys	Dogs to be kept on leads until we reach the Wolds Way footpath	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Muddy and rutted paths along the Raisthorpe Estate tracks	Very sticky and 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
Hedgerows to edge of Wolds Way path – multiple game birds	Game birds may be spooked or cause dogs to run off	Keep dogs under close control or on leads if they are not good at recall.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Livestock (cows) in Vessay Pasture Dale– keep dogs on leads unless cows get too close	Livestock worried- Cows may charge	Pre-checked and cows in evidence high up and away from the main path in the valley bottom on the sides of the valley (14.10.24) – BUT they may have moved along	Dogs to be put on leads, kept under close control unless cows come too close and it is better to let them off.	Dog Owners and SM	On the day

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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
Steep slope out of Vessay Pasture Dale	People may slip or trip (particularly if raining and wet)	Walk steadily and at a pace to suit everyone. Take short breaks on the way up and a longer one at the top	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day
Pit to the left-hand side of the path at the end of the field edge stretch – full of old fencing and other unknown hazards.	Dogs may fall in	Put dogs back on leads when advised to do so before reaching this point	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	All walkers	On the day. SM to point out where to put dogs onto leads and radioed to Alison at back
Livestock (sheep) at top of track back down to Thixendale	Livestock worried- Sheep in evidence 14.10.24	Pre-checked and sheep 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
Chalk track down to Thixendale – some steep drops off on the right-hand side	Dogs may run off the edge	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
Road in Thixendale	Walkers and dogs may be hit by traffic	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners.	SM & AB to keep an eye out for oncoming traffic and advise all walkers	All walkers	On the day

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EMERGENCY PLAN



Route – 4.13 miles

Total Ascent – 512 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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