

## Walking the Wolds - Summer Stroll 24.07.24

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>Car Park at Laurel Vines – 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>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
<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

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<b>Footpaths with nettles</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 footpaths to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Farm machinery on 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. SM to keep in contact with back-marker and walk at a pace that all walkers can do.	SM / Back marker	Prior to the walk and on the day.
<b>First stile along River Hull – nettles blocking crawl through for dogs</b>	People / dogs may get nettled and 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. Take secateurs on walk to cut back nettles	Restate on the day as we approach stile to take care. Take along secateurs and gloves to cut back nettles to make better route through (for dogs)	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Deep water – rivers and dikes</b>	Dogs may get into difficulty if they jump in – may be strong current	Warn owners before-hand to keep dogs on a lead if they do not want them in the river	Restate on the day	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day

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<b>Electric Fences</b>	Dogs or people may be shocked and harmed	Warn owners before-hand to keep dogs on a lead	Restate on the day	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Stile just before stretch along Arram Beck</b>	Large dogs might not be able to get underneath. People might trip and fall	Warn owners before hand (Bill was able to do it easily)	Restate on the day and check as people / dogs are coming through.	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Livestock in field along Arram Beck (behind electric fence)</b>	Livestock worried- Cows in evidence 18.07.24	Pre-checked and cows in evidence but away from the trail.	If on the day the cows 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>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>Highland Cattle (and calves) in field near White House Farm – calves can get under the electric fence that surrounds the field</b>	Livestock worried- Cows in evidence 18.07.24	Pre-checked and cows in evidence but behind electric fence (although calves can escape)	If on the day the cows 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>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