



# Group Walks | Risk Assessment

Every walk is different, so complete a risk assessment for each one you lead to help you plan and make a note of the steps you are taking to keep walkers safe. After a walk, risk assessments should be stored for three years. Each walk leader can keep their own risk assessments, or groups can choose someone to look after them.

Have a great walk!

<b>Who is leading the walk?</b>	<b>Name:</b> Graham King	<b>Group:</b> waveney
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<b>Dates</b> 22/01/2023	<b>Walk</b> Southwold	<b>Risk assessment:</b> yes	<b>18/01/2023</b>
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<b>Hazards</b> Make a note of any hazards to walkers or others on your route	<b>Precautions</b> Tick the boxes that apply and add any others – you don't need to tick every box.	
<b>Weather</b> What is the forecasted weather? Is there any danger of extreme temperatures, heavy rainfall or other severe weather events?	Check the weather forecast and postpone/cancel if necessary	X
	Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and items for the conditions	
	Make a note of 'escape routes' on the recce	
	Other/Detail:	

<p><b>Traffic</b> Do you need to cross or walk along a road? Are there any level crossings?</p>	Check for suitable crossing places on the recce	X
	Communicate clearly with the group on the day	X
	Maintain single file on any road sections	X
	Other/Detail:	
<p><b>Path surface and obstacles</b> Are there hazards such as slippery paths, loose rocks, stiles, fallen trees, steep drops?</p>	Check for hazards on the recce and adapt the route if needed	X
	Provide clear information to walkers beforehand	X
	Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions	
	Other/Detail:	
<p><b>Animals</b> Will you pass livestock? Is there any danger of ticks or bites/stings?</p>	Let walkers know to cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Be prepared to divert if needed	
	Leave gates and property as you find them	X
	Advise walkers to check for ticks and remove promptly if found	
	Other/Detail:	

<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>Is there a chance you could get lost, lose touch with walkers, lose visibility or phone signal?</p>	Recce the route in advance	X
	Pre-register phone with 999 emergency text service	
	Let somebody know your plans and the time you expect to be back	X
	Other/Detail:	
<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Add any other hazards on your walk here.</p>	Follow any national or local Covid-19 restrictions	X
	Other/Detail:	

If you have any questions about **Ramblers group walks**, please get in touch: [volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com)