

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!

Who is leading the walk?	Name: Paul Brookes, Steve Hulett, Steve Lang	Group: Tavistock
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Dates	Walk: 20/05/2023	Risk assessment: 16/01/23	Recce: 20/12/22, TBC
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Hazards Make a note of any hazards to walkers or others on your route		Precautions <input type="checkbox"/> the boxes that apply and add any others – you don't need to tick every box.	
Weather What is the forecasted weather? Is there any danger of extreme temperatures, heavy rainfall or other severe weather events?	TBC during week before event	Check the weather forecast and postpone/cancel if necessary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and items for the conditions	x
		Make a note of 'escape routes' on the recce	x
		Other/Detail: Weather conditions will be monitored before the event and any areas of the route liable to flooding or danger from water/ subsidence will be avoided. Weather can change on the day so the route will adapt if necessary.	

<p>Traffic Do you need to cross or walk along a road? Are there any level crossings?</p>	<p>Lane sections at: From Sports Field, north to Bolt House- and return (aprx.400m). From BS at SX506853 to Lydford Forest road SX 500854 (aprx. 750m) Road outside NT Waterfall entrance, across old bridge to old Station Lane (aprx. 250m) Crossing A386 by Willsworthy car park, Crossing A386 if leaving at lunch stop at Willsworthy camp, Crossing A386 by Fox and Hounds Hotel</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
		<p>Other/Detail: Hi-viz jackets to be worn at the head and tail of the group when crossing or walking along road sections. Individual walkers encouraged to bring and wear their own hi viz jacket or bag cover.</p>	
<p>Path surface and obstacles 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	x
		<p>Other/Detail: The route follows some forestry tracks with gravel and stone surfaces , some sloping. Moorland sections of the route will be rough underfoot with potential trip hazards. Ground can be wet, slippery and boggy in places, even on well-defined paths.</p>	

<p>Animals 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	x
	Leave gates and property as you find them	x
	Advise walkers to check for ticks and remove promptly if found	x
	<p>Other/Detail: Any dogs taking part must be kept on a short lead under control at all times. Whilst on the Moor, DNPA rules and byelaws reinforce this point and must be followed. Only animals likely to be encountered will be out on the open moor, ponies, cattle, sheep. Farmers advised of route and date.</p>	
<p>Communications 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	x
	Let somebody know your plans and the time you expect to be back	x
	<p>Other/Detail: Other leaders to be used for sections of the route so load is shared between several walkers. Mid-group walking markers as well as back-marker.</p>	
<p>Other Add any other hazards on your walk here.</p>	Follow any national or local Covid-19 restrictions	x
	<p>Other/Detail: Copies of the risk assessments will be posted on Parish Council website and on the Beating the Bounds social media pages so all can access and read them. All walkers will need to register for the event and will thus be on an attendance list. Generic event RA also carried out and posted.</p>	



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		Walkers will be checked in at each of 3 checkpoints, plus the finish, to ensure all are accounted for. If any walker wishes to leave the group then they must do so at a checkpoint and this will be noted.
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If you have any questions about **Ramblers group walks**, please get in touch: volunteersupport@ramblers.zendesk.com