

Use this as a check list, alongside *Guidance Notes for Walk Leaders*, (found on the club's website).

There is no need to print this out and fill it in if you have taken note of all relevant hazards.

If there are other considerations that are needed for your walk, print it out, write the new additions on it and store in case of future need.

Walk leader:	Date of walk:
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Hazards Make a note of any hazards to walkers or others on your route	Precautions Tick 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?	Check the weather forecast and postpone/cancel if necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and items for the conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Make a note of 'escape routes' on the recce	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other/Detail:	
Traffic Do you need to cross or walk along a road? Are there any level crossings?	Check for suitable crossing places on the recce	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Communicate clearly with the group on the day	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Maintain single file on any road sections	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other/Detail:	

<p>Path surface and obstacles</p> <p>Are there hazards such as slippery paths, loose rocks, stiles, fallen trees, steep drops, water hazards?</p>	Check for hazards on the recce and adapt the route if needed	
	Provide clear information to walkers beforehand	
	Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions	
	Other/Detail:	
<p>Animals</p> <p>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	
	Advise walkers to check for ticks and remove promptly if found	
	Other/Detail:	
<p>Communications</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	
	Pre-register phone with 999 emergency text service	
	Let somebody know your plans and the time you expect to be back	
	Other/Detail:	
<p>Other</p> <p>Add any other hazards on your walk here.</p>	Follow any national or local Covid-19 restrictions	
	Other/Detail:	