

Risk Assessment

Walk Location:

Date:

Distance: (with assorted variations) Assessment Review by:

<u>Hazard</u>	<u>Who might be harmed?</u>	<u>How is the risk controlled?</u>	<u>What further action is necessary to control the risk?</u>
General - Road Traffic This route crosses a few minor estate roads	Walkers, other road users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard • Appropriate good walking practice • Guidance from leaders at road interfaces 	
General - Paths / Red Ways Route uses a number of Red Ways, with other walkers, bikers	Walkers, other road users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard • Appropriate good walking practice 	
General – Water Route passes along river banks, canal sides and by some ponds	Walkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard • Appropriate care at water hazards 	
Path surfaces – roots (plantation near Willen Lake) and loose surface (in same area) Uneven paths	Walkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard, before walk and at appropriate points 	
Grazing Animals Cattle and sheep. It is unlikely that cattle with calves will be grazing, but leaders should be appropriately cautious in case	Walkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazards • Appropriate care in vicinity of animals / keep close eye on cattle and avoid if necessary • Treat cattle with calves with caution and do not walk to separate mothers from calves 	
Goose attack / goose poo making route slippery Other fowl also prevalent, similar hazards	Walkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazards • Appropriate care in vicinity of geese / avoid geese 	
Horse Trails Ouzel Valley and near canal	Walkers, riders, horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard, before walk and at appropriate points • Stand aside if passing horses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break up group when passing horses
Construction Site Walks make take you close to new housing developments construction. The Right of Way is protected, but the actual route on the ground may be altered. Walkers MUST keep to the path Construction may disrupt the right of way – appropriate care should be taken and risks assessed if this is happening. Any abuse of the route by construction should be reported to the highway authorities	Walkers, construction workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazards • Inform all participants to keep to path • Obey any instructions from site personnel • Give way to construction traffic if passing, unless clearly otherwise directed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a long term temporary hazard area. • Passage should be clear, especially at weekends, but leaders should check closely beforehand to assure themselves of an open route. • In wet conditions, excess mud may make this route difficult

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<u>Paths in Wood</u> Surface is wood chips – soft, but can be muddy in wet weather, slippery, dirty	Walkers, other route users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider winter or summer options available
<u>Bridle Paths</u> Horses and cyclists on bridle paths	Walkers, other route users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep look out and warn accordingly • Keep left if possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<u>Roads in Estates</u> Crossing some estate roads	Walkers, other road users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard • Proper highway practice 	
<u>Other Route Users</u> Runners and riders on redways and in woodland	Walkers, other route users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep look out and warn accordingly • Keep left if possible 	
<u>Slope</u> inclines on walks	Unfit Walkers going uphill, depending on route direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mention at start and point out • Keep watch for stress 	
<u>AFTER WALK</u>			
<u>Road Crossing</u> Hazardous crossing – use under passes where possible		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform all participants of hazard • Proper highway practice 	