



Caerphilly & District Ramblers

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 are stored for three years.

Please submit your assessments after your walk to Margaret Wallis (safety@caerphillyramblers.org) for archiving.

Leader:	Walk:	No. of walkers:		
Date: (DD/MM/YYYY)	Recce date:	Risk Assessment date:	Walk date:	
Hazards – Make a note of any hazards to walkers or others on your route.		Precautions – Check the boxes that apply and add others if necessary – you don't need to check 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.		
		Check that walkers have suitable clothing, footwear & equipment for the conditions.		
		Make a note of 'escape routes' on the recce.		
		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.		
		Communicate clearly with the group on the day.		
		Maintain single file on any road sections.		
		Other/detail		
Path surface & obstacles Are there hazards such as slippery paths, loose rocks, stiles, fallen trees, steep drops, unbridged water crossings?		Check for hazards on the recce and adapt the route if needed.		
		Provide clear information to walkers beforehand.		
		Other/detail		
Animals Will you pass livestock? Is there any danger of ticks or bites/stings?		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		
Communications Is there a chance you could get lost, lose touch with walkers, lose visibility or phone signal?		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		
Incidents & Other Did any reportable incidents occur? Add any other hazards on your walk here.		Follow any national or local Covid-19 restrictions.		
		Any reportable accidents/incidents? If so, please report as soon as possible, with details (overleaf or separately).	yes	no
		Other/detail		