

Traditional T^ouring Club

GROUP RISK ASSESSMENT

Use this Risk Assessment to help you understand the risks and any steps you need to take to stay safe before leading a walk.
Complete a copy for every walk / cycle and keep for one year.

Group Leader: Date: Date of Recce

Walk/Cycle: Date of Walk/Cycle

Possible hazards	Possible risk & who & how	Measures in place to control the risks	Action taken Tick box
Transmission of COVID-19 through close contact outside the household	Risk of spreading the virus to others in the group & the public	Plan the walk / cycle with consideration to peak times	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Avoid particularly busy or narrow routes where physical distancing is difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Carry a face covering in case of incidents	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Complete the register for contact tracing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transmission of COVID-19 through touching gates, stiles, fences, cycles or equipment	Risk of spreading the virus to others in the group & the public	Avoid all touching other cycles, path furniture where possible, have one person opening gates etc. with protective hand wear / cleanser	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Advise the group to have their own hand sanitiser	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Advise the group not to share food, drink or equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bad weather, high / low temperatures	Risk of an illness or injury impeding on the group	Check the weather forecast / cancel if necessary. Advise the group to wear appropriate attire to suit the conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Make a note of 'escape routes' on the Recce	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Busy roads	Vehicle collisions - Risk to the group & drivers	Avoid routes along busy roads	
		Walk & cycle in single file	
		Advise cyclists to wear high-vis clothing and carry cycle lights	
Steep, slippery or muddy sections	Risk of accidents, falls to the group	Take note of risky sections on the Recce and adapt the route if necessary. Give notice to the group so that they are aware and have appropriate footwear, clothing, equipment	
Livestock	Walkers – risk of injury Risk of property damage if livestock escape	Cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Be prepared to divert around livestock if necessary.	
		Follow the Countryside Code (England & Wales) and Access Code (Scotland). Leave gates and property as you find them.	
Cliffs or sheer drops	Walkers – risk of falls	Check paths are suitable for a group to use safely and make changes if necessary.	
		Follow any local warnings or signs, and advise walkers to keep away from the edge.	