

Suggested guidance for Local Wildlife Groups (supported by North Pennines AONB Partnership's WildWatch North Pennines Project)

This risk assessment should be used to help identify generic risks and control measures for events of this kind. Site and time specific risks and their control measures need to be additionally assessed for each event.

All control measures for each event must be recorded on a signed and dated Risk Control Sheet.

<u>Code for Risk Rate:</u>	
0-6	Very low risk
7-16	Low risk
17-36	Medium risk
37-60	High risk
61-100	Very high risk

<u>Code for Results:</u>
A = Adequately controlled
N = Not adequately controlled

Severity & Risk ratings based on DCC guidance:

EVENT: Guided Walk

Activity	Hazards Identified	Sever.	Like.	Risk Rate	Who is at risk	Control Measures	Result
Arrival at/departure from meeting point	Traffic accidents from insufficient parking in busy/crowded area.	10	1	10	Participants, leaders & other road users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure venue has sufficient parking for attendees. If parking limited, control numbers through booking, car sharing from a safer location and/or encouraging car sharing from home. 	A
Guided walk	Exposure to sun/heat.	6	2	12	Participants/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind participants of the need for sunhats, sunscreen and sufficient water. Adequate protective clothing to be worn, allowing for changes in weather. Sun-cream with sufficient protection factor to be applied as necessary. Sufficient water to be carried on route 	A
Guided walk	Exposure to wind/rain/cold	6	2	12	Participants/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind participants in advance of the need for adequate clothing, and sufficient food. Adequate warm and waterproof clothing to be worn and carried, allowing for changes in weather. Spare clothing to be stored in vehicle. Walk to be cancelled in severe adverse weather. Sufficient food to be carried on route. 	A
Guided walk	Trips and falls.	6	2	12	Participants/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one leader to have up-to-date first aid training qualification. First aid kit and fully charged mobile 	A

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						<p>phone to be carried by at least one leader.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearest phone boxes, road heads & hospitals noted on control checklist. 	
Guided walk	Medical emergency away from roads and landline phones.	10	1	10	Participants/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one leader to have up-to-date first aid training qualification. • First aid kit and fully charged mobile phone to be carried by at least one leader. • Nearest phone boxes, road heads & hospitals noted on control checklist. • Consider carrying shelter on more remote routes. 	A
Investigating water courses/bodies	Weil's disease and other water-borne diseases.	8	1	8	Participants/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be warned of the dangers of water-borne diseases on the day. • Anti-bacterial handwipes or gel to be carried by leaders if walk involves a meal break. 	A
Investigating water courses/bodies	Falling into water	6	2	12	Participants/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader to have access to a towel. • Participants to be advised to bring spare clothing. 	A
Eating	Contracting disease from soil or waterborne organisms	8	1	8	Participants/leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be warned of the dangers of water and soil-borne diseases on the day. • Anti-bacterial handwipes to be carried by leaders if walk involves a meal break. 	A