

SDOS Birding Walks Risk Assessment Form:

Assessor: Roger Smith: Date of Assessment 25 January 2021

Location: Pulborough Brooks

Brief Description: An easy 2 mile walk along hard surfaced footpaths visiting bird hides

Suggested clothing: Warm, waterproof outerwear depending on weather conditions and strong outdoor footwear

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Evaluation of Risk	Risk mitigation measures	Comments
Bad weather	All participants	Low / Medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Lightning storms	All participants	Low	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Snow and ice	All participants	Seasonal Low / Medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Darkness, cloud, fog	All participants	Low		
Hot weather	All participants	Low		
Uneven walking surfaces	All participants	Low		
Muddy conditions	All participants	Low		
Standing water and flooding	All participants	Seasonal Low / Medium	Adjust walking route	
Slippery surfaces	All participants	Low		
Steep slopes	All participants	N/A		
Trip hazards	All participants	N/A		
Stiles and gates	All participants	N/A		
Barbed wire, electric fences	All participants	N/A		
Obstructive vegetation	All participants	N/A		
Stinging or thorny plants	All participants	N/A		
Falling trees or branches	All participants	Low		
Biting insects	All participants	Low		Seasonal
Snakes	All participants	Low		
Farm or other animals	All participants	Low		
Railway crossing	All participants	N/A		
Road and farm traffic	All participants	N/A		

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