

SDOS Birding Walks Risk Assessment Form:

Assessor: Tony Benton : Date of Assessment 9/1/2022

Location: **Arlington reservoir**

Brief Description: A circular walk on a mostly flat surface - there are some gentle rises. The walk is approximately 3 kilometres long.

Suggested clothing: Warm, waterproof clothing depending on weather conditions; strong footwear or wellington boots after rain. Some sections of this walk can be **very** muddy. This walk is not wheelchair accessible.

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/medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Snow and ice	All participants	Low / Medium	Advise participants - consider curtailing or cancelling the walk	Monitor weather forecast
Darkness, cloud, fog	All participants	Low	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Hot weather	All participants	Low / Medium	Participants to wear suitable clothing and have fluids available	Monitor weather forecast
Uneven walking surfaces	All participants but particularly anyone with mobility challenges	Low	Participants need to take care if any of the surface is uneven	Participants have a responsibility to take reasonable care
Muddy conditions	All participants	Low	Participants will need to take extra care if the mud gives rise to slippery conditions	Monitor weather forecast and assess on the day
Standing water and flooding	All participants	Low	Participants to wear suitable footwear	Monitor weather forecast and assess on the day
Gentle slopes	Anyone with breathing difficulties/angina	Low	Participants need to pace themselves	Participants should consider the distance of this walk in advance

