

**SDOS Birding Walks Risk Assessment Form:**

Assessor: Tony Benton : Date of Assessment 27 February 2023

Location: Brooklands Park & Lake, Lancing BN15 8NN

Brief Description: A very low risk event, suitable for people using a wheel chair. Meet at the southern end of the boardwalk on the west side of the lake. Please note that the park is still undergoing extensive redevelopment and the main car park and toilets are currently closed (27/2/2023). Alternative parking is available on the South side, near the go-kart track, and the venue is also good for public transport including the 700 bus service.

Suggested clothing: Warm, waterproof clothing depending on weather conditions; waterproof footwear after rain.

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Who might be harmed</b>	<b>Evaluation of Risk</b>	<b>Risk mitigation measures</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bad weather	All participants	Low / Medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Lightning storms	All participants	Medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Snow and ice	All participants	Low / Medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Darkness, cloud, fog	All participants	Low	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Hot weather	All participants	Low/medium	Participants should bring a drink and wear suitable clothing and consider the need for sunscreen	Monitor weather forecast
Uneven walking surfaces	All participants	Low	Suitable walking shoes or boots are recommended	Participants to ensure that suitable footwear is available to them. Generally the footpaths are in good condition.
Muddy conditions	All participants	Low	Walking boots or wellington boots - probably only after very heavy rain.	Monitor weather forecast
Standing water and flooding	All participants	Low	Adjust route	Monitor weather forecast
Slippery surfaces	All participants	Low	Adjust route	Generally the route is flat and just occasionally undulating.

Steep slopes	N/A		N/A	
Trip hazards	All participants	Low	participants to judge their own capabilities and take care	
Stiles and gates	N/a			
Barbed wire, electric fences	N/a			
Obstructive vegetation	N/a			
Stinging or thorny plants	N/a			
Falling trees or branches	N/a			
Biting insects	N/A		N/A	
Snakes	N/a			
Farm or other animals	N/A		N/A	
Cycles	All participants	Low	Cycles are not permitted - but this is sometimes ignored - so vigilance is required.	
Dogs off leads	All participants	Low	If nervous around dogs then be aware and if necessary ask for the dog to be put on a lead. This is down to individual choice.	