

HARTFELL HILL WALKERS RISK ASSESSMENT: GROUP WALKS

Date:	Assessed by:	Location :	Review :
28/03/2021	Yvonne Kerr & Louise Plummer	Hartfell Hill Walkers	01/04/2022 or on change to COVID Regulations if sooner

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Risk Rating	What else can you do to control this risk?	Resultant Risk Rating	Action by whom	Target date	Complete
More than 15 walkers turn up	Coach, participants and general public	Prior advice to walk. Social Media used to monitor interest. Participants asked to book on by emailing or PM to FB group	L	Turn away anyone over the 15 walkers.	L	Walk Co-ordinators	On day	Walk Co-ordinators
Walkers do not adhere to 2 metre social distancing	Walkers and their families/housemates	Provide advice to walkers beforehand on social distancing requirements. Included on website and Facebook Group where meets are listed.	M	Consider group size and putting same households together where possible	M	Walk Co-ordinators	On day	Walk Co-ordinators
Running into members of public	Walkers and public	Provide advice to maintain social distancing when running into/walking past members of the public.	M	Consider changes to routes and/or meet times to avoid busy walks/times	M	Walk Co-ordinators	On day & prior to each route choice	Walk Co-ordinators
Walkers injuring themselves and requiring first aid	Walker	Walk Co-ordinators to provide route description and links to maps. Individual members to assess their own capability to undertake route & group decides before and during walk on any adjustments to walk or whether to continue based on conditions, weather, etc. Suggest walkers carry own basic first aid supplies.	M	Have supply of core first aid supplies to hand	M	First Aider	On day	First Aider

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Cross-contamination	Walkers and public	Be clear that walkers should not attend meets with covid symptoms and, where well, observe social distancing	M	Keep bags, belongings separate. Only use personal items especially foods & water bottles.	L	Walk Co-ordinators	Warn in advance of each session	Walk Co-ordinators
Emergency situation	Walkers	Ask all walkers to carry a mobile phone and suggest registering it with the emergency SMS text service.	L	Where walks are in remote areas and phone reception is poor ensure each group has a Personal Locator Beacon or SPOT device	L	Walk Co-ordinators and group	On day	Walk Co-ordinators
Navigation issues	Walkers	Ensure that all walkers understand that technology are useful tools but should always be underpinned by map and compass	H	Ensure that all walking groups include at least one person with map and compass and the skills to use them. Ensure all members understand that if they rely on others for navigation they understand the risks in doing so and take responsibility for that themselves	H	Walk Co-ordinators and group	On day	Walk Co-ordinators
Weather	Walkers by hypothermia, cold injuries, sun burn, snow blindness, lightening strike, avalanche hazard	Provide links to mountain weather forecasts and inform members beforehand if conditions change. Provide links to kit suggestions and ensure group is happy to continue before and during walk	M	Remind members before start of walk of expected weather and suggested kit. Group to discuss with individual members any issues regarding competency in conditions or kit and decide as a group whether group or individual member should continue on walk	M	Walk Co-ordinators and group	Before and on day	Walk Co-ordinators and group

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Terrain (steep, rocky, snowy, grassy, icy, loose, cornices, etc	Walkers, possibility of injury due to falls, trips, stone falls, etc.	Provide route description and maps and ensure all members are aware it is their responsibility to make sure they have the skills and ability to undertake the route. Discuss any concerns as a group both before and during the walk as necessary.	M	Group to decide whether the group or an individual member should take part or continue. Ensure that element of risk is understood and accepted by all.	M	Walk Co-ordinators and group	Before and on day	Walk Co-ordinators
Water hazards, burns, marshy ground, burns and rivers in spate resulting in lengthy detours	Walkers. Risk of exhaustion or of falling into water resulting in hypothermia, injuries, drowning.	Consult local forecasts and mountain weather forecasts	M	Members to take into account possibility of burns or rivers in spate on route choice	M	Walk Co-ordinators	Before and on day	Walk Co-ordinators
Avalanche	Walkers. Risk of burial or injuries	Consult local and mountain weather forecasts. Provide links to these and SAIS beforehand.	L, M, H	Suggest members take winter safety and avalanche courses.	L, M, H	Walk Co-ordinators	Before	Walk Co-ordinators