

North York Moors National Park Outdoor Learning Team

<p>Generic Risk Assessment for Guided Walks (page 1 of 6)</p> <p>Scroll down to see additional site specific risk assessments for individual walks.</p> <p>Adult to pupil ratio: At least 1 adult to 10 pupils; more adults as appropriate for younger / less able / disengaged pupils.</p> <p>Max group size per Activity Leader: usually 30 (larger groups depending on activity)</p> <p>Provider: NYMNP Outdoor Learning Team</p> <p>Assessor / Reviewed by: Heather McNiff (Head of Outdoor Learning)</p> <p>Last reviewed: May 2022 Next review: May 2023</p> <p>Method for review: All hazards reviewed by: Annual review / leader feedback / accident & near miss books</p>	<p>Limitations and Emergency Procedures</p> <p>Walk routes will not go higher than 600m or more than 30 minutes walking time away from a road or refuge accessible by an ordinary vehicle.</p> <p>Weather conditions in which walks will be cancelled: Heavy rain / thunderstorm / lightening / snow, sleet or hail on the ground or falling / when wind strength inhibits normal walking.</p> <p>Weather forecast checked prior to group visit.</p> <p>All staff leading walks hold a valid, appropriate first aid qualification and carry first aid kits, spare clothing, survival bags, blanket, survival shelter (when away from a NP Centre) and have radio/telephone contact with support staff (when off site radio contact between leaders).</p> <p>Roles and responsibilities of National Park Leaders and visiting teachers are stated in 'Pre-Visit Information' on our website at: http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/school-and-group-visits/essential-information</p>
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Risk rating scale where risk rating = likelihood x consequence			
Consequence Likelihood of hazard causing harm assuming precautions are taken	1 Minor Injury Incident can be dealt with on site and casualty is able to continue activity	2 Major Injury Casualty cannot continue activity	3 At least 1 fatality
1 Very unlikely	1	2	3
2 Occasional	2	4	6
3 Likely	3	6	9

Risk rating assuming precautions are taken:

1 = low risk

2 to 4 = medium risk

6 to 9 = high risk (unacceptable)
Omit activity or change to reduce risk before proceeding

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING	NOTES AND ACTIONS
<p>Traffic e.g.</p> <p>Crossing road specifically on the bend by the Danby Lodge building to access the footpath up to Clitherbeck.</p> <p>General road crossings; Walking along roads; Walking through car parks</p>	<p>Road traffic accident; Being hit by vehicles</p>	<p>Group members; Road users</p>	<p>NP Activity Leader to warn of the danger of this road crossing and to explain the plan for crossing. Lead the group to the road edge and instruct them to stay there with a teacher while you check for traffic. Stand in the middle of the road on the bend where there is good visibility all three ways. Instruct visiting adult to stand in the middle of the road opposite Moors Centre entrance. When clear of traffic ask another adult to lead the group across the road in single file, cross as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Returning to the centre: NP leader to follow the above instructions in reverse. Stop at the bottom of the wood or in the gamekeepers' parking area if group has come down Park Bank. Give clear instructions.</p> <p>Road crossing on bend: NP Activity Leader to issue Hi Vis Vests to adults assisting with crossing. Use visiting adults to assist in crossing and cross when safe to do so.</p> <p>Road walking: NP Activity Leader to issue Hi Vis vests to visiting adults with at least the front maker and back marker wearing them. Consider back marker to place hi vis on back of rucksack.</p> <p>Road walking at night: markers should wear reflective clothing, the look-out in front should show a white light and the one at the back a red light. People on the outside of large groups should also carry lights and wear reflective clothing.</p>	<p>(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM</p>	

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<p>Continued...</p> <p>Traffic e.g.</p> <p>Crossing road specifically on the bend by the Moors Centre building to access the footpath up to Clitherbeck.</p> <p>General road crossings; Walking along roads; Walking through car parks</p>	<p>Road traffic accident; Being hit by vehicles</p>	<p>Group members; Road users</p>	<p>When walking along a road instruct group to walk in single file behind leader, keeping to the side and facing on-coming traffic (unless it's safer not to). Check behaviour and repeat instructions often. Ask adults to help supervise.</p> <p>In National Park car parks: Signage in place to restrict speed of vehicles. Instruct group members to be aware of moving vehicles. Coach parking separate from car parking. Painted lines ensure parking is organised</p>	<p>(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM</p>	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Uneven or boggy ground / wet grass / boardwalks	Slips, trips & falls	Group Members	Groups advised of hazards and advised to wear appropriate footwear in advance. Footwear checked before activity and if unsuitable, wellies loaned from kit store where possible. Ask adults to assist small children / less mobile individuals as required. Instruct pupils to take care on boggy patches and on boardwalks.	(3 x 1) 3 MEDIUM	Wellie tread checked in Jan
Livestock including sheep, cattle & horses	Trampling; Infection esp. toxoplasmosis	Group members	Keep group together. Instruct group not to approach or touch livestock. Keep everyone quiet. Avoid leading group too close. Take extra care at lambing time and when cattle are with calves. See appendix 3 for more information on Toxoplasmosis.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	Toxoplasmosis - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
Sheep ticks	Infection esp. Lyme Disease	Group members	Avoid sitting in long grass / vegetation Warn of danger. See appendix 4 for important details on Lyme disease. Pre-visit information for bookings includes information about sheep ticks and advises teachers to pass on to parents.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	Lyme disease - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
Adders	Snake bites	Group members	Warn of danger. Instruct to keep back and warn others if a snake is seen.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Rivers e.g. Crossing streams	Slipping; Getting wet; Drowning,	Group members	Use footbridges where possible. Where there is no bridge, cross small streams only where water is below children's wellie depth and flowing slowly. Find the easiest place to cross, demonstrate how to cross and assist children.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Steep ascents	Breathing difficulties	Asthma sufferers; Less fit individuals	Asthma sufferers advised in advance to carry medication with them. NP Activity leader to lead slowly from the front, pause regularly for all to catch up. Rest as required. Ask other adults to supervise slower pupils.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Crossing stiles	Trips, falls, being kicked by person in front.	Group members	NP activity leader to demonstrate correct way of crossing stile and instruct group to cross one at a time with the person waiting standing back. Assist small children and those with mobility difficulties. Ask adults to help supervise children. Wait for all to cross safely before continuing.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Farm vehicles and machinery	Hit by vehicle or machine	Group members, Farm staff	Keep group together and keep away from machinery.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Other users on bridleways e.g. cyclists, horse riders	Injuries from collisions	Group members, other users	Instruct group to keep to one side of the path to allow other users to pass. Leader and back marker to warn of bikes or horses passing.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Disused bell pits (mine shafts)	Falls	Group members	All walks follow risk assessed routes on public rights of way which are well known by NP staff and do not pass near open shafts. Keep pupils away from centre of bell pit mounds and shafts.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Exposure to cold, wet or sun	Hypothermia; Heat stroke; Heat exhaustion; Sunburn	Group members	Select appropriate route according to weather conditions, capabilities of group and time available. Clothing and footwear checked before departure and items loaned from kit store where possible. Spare clothing and emergency equipment carried by National Park activity leader. NP Activity Leaders to check pupils regularly. In hot conditions choose shaded areas for stopping. In cold conditions keep groups moving and avoid standing around.	(2 x 1) 2 MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Field boundaries (Dry stone walls; Barbed wire fences; Electric fences)	Cuts, grazes, electric shock.	Group members	Keep to footpaths and avoid leading group close to field boundaries with barbed wire on top. Do not allow pupils to climb on walls. Treat electric fences as if live. Warn group of danger. Instruct not to touch. Keep group away from fence.	(1 x 1) 1 LOW	
Sea Fret – cliff top path walking Sea fret whilst on beach	Inability to see path and cliff edge. Falls from height Inability to see whole group and sea edge	Group members Group members	NP leader to assess conditions on site. If visibility impedes being able to see the whole group at once then the walk must not start. Where sea fret rolls in whilst undertaking the walk then deploy adults to supervise small groups, hold hands and walk cautiously. Keep communications going between adults and divert as soon as possible off the cliff path to a safe refuge/alternative route. NP leader to assess conditions on site. If visibility impedes being able to see the whole group at once then do not start activity until visibility improves. If visibility drops whilst undertaking an activity then abandon activity and move to a safer location away from sea edge. Consider delivering a different risk assessed activity until conditions improve. e.g. town trail	(1x3) 3 MEDIUM	

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<p>Individuals becoming separated from group or lost (includes night walks)</p>	<p>Anxiety, distress, exposure to other hazards</p>	<p>Group members</p>	<p>Maintain appropriate adult to pupil ratios (see above). Do regular head counts and ask adults to help. Pupils instructed to stay together. NP Activity Leader to consider leading from the front and allocate a responsible adult to act as a back marker. Instruct pupils to stay between. Walks limited to specific, risk assessed routes. National Park activity leaders familiar with standard routes through training, team teaching and repeated use.</p>	<p>(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM</p>	<p>If pupil is lost: Report to base. Arrange for rest of group to be led back to base by a NP staff member. Liaise with group leader and school. Use available adults to search. If lost person is not found within 30 minutes call Police and ask for Mountain Rescue. (15 mins for higher risk sites – Coast, cliffs, river). Report to base. If working on a weekend telephone one of the following: Head of Education 07952 053604, Education Officer 07734 865942, Head of Corporate Services 01751 432007</p>
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To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: Countryside Adventure/The Lost Words adventure: up to 1.5km

Standard Moorland Walk: 2.5km

Extended Moorland Walk: 4.5km

Altitude of highest point: 245 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1km

Terrain: Public rights of way through woodland, farmland, moorland, plus a section on minor road.

Escape Routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles:

Standard route – top of Park Bank at NZ 725086. Extended route – road to Clitherbeck Farm at NZ712103 or top of Park Bank as for standard route.

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Ascent through boulders (<i>standard route only</i>)	Slips, trips & falls	Group members	Stop group before boulders. Instruct pupils to follow in single file and not to clamber on boulders. Lead group a safe route through the boulders. Ask adults to help supervise.	(2 x 2) MEDIUM	
Path after gate up onto the moorland (<i>extended route only</i>)	Slipping down steep bank to left of path	Group members	Warn of danger in advance. Lead from the front. Instruct pupils to walk sensibly and carefully in single file.	(1 x 2) MEDIUM	
Grouse shooting (<i>extended route only</i>)	Being shot	Group members	Where possible check with gamekeeper on the day of the walk as to whether there are any shoots on that day on the moorland in question. If there is a conflict then reschedule the walk or abandon the walk. If the group comes across a shoot then either: Follow the instructions of the person in charge of the public safety or turn back and abandon the walk.	(1 x 3) MEDIUM	Grouse shooting season 12 th Aug – 10 th Dec.

Page 10: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: River Investigation: Pickering Floodline Investigation

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks, river investigation and fieldwork activities

ROUTE DETAILS and Emergency Procedure

Total distance: 1km

Altitude of highest point: 170 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 0.5km

Terrain: Public rights of way through woodland, farmland. Steep sided valley, can be very muddy underfoot in valley bottom.

Escape Routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicle at GR: SE832 903 – walk west from fieldwork site to Mill Bank Road.

Weather conditions in which activity will be cancelled:

Heavy rain / thunderstorm / lightening / snow, sleet or hail on the ground or falling / when wind strength inhibits normal walking. Check weather forecast prior to activity.

All staff leading activities are qualified in Level 1 and Level 2 of the National Water Safety Management Programme.

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Steep sided slopes down to stream location	Slips, trips & falls	Group Members	Groups advised of hazards and advised to wear appropriate footwear in advance.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Steep ascents	Breathing difficulties	Asthma sufferers; Less fit individuals	Asthma sufferers advised in advance to carry medication with them. NP Activity leader to lead slowly from the front, pause regularly for all to catch up. Rest as required. Ask other adults to supervise slower pupils.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	

Page 11: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Food and Farming Walk

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To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: Moors Centre to Danby Castle 2km, return 2km, total distance 4km

Altitude of highest point: 180m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 0.5km

Terrain: Public rights of way through farmland with some sections on a minor road.

Escape Routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles:

Outward route - road at Easton Lane NZ713079 and at Danby Castle. Return route – mostly on minor road.

HAZARD (see also page 7)	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Railway crossing (Pedestrian crossing point with a kissing gate on each side)	Hit by train	Group members, Train passengers	Stop group and warn of danger. Leader to be aware of train timetable (timetable provided for staff) NP Activity Leader to look and listen and instruct group to cross when safe. Large groups to cross in groups of 10 at a time to avoid queueing at exit kissing gate. Ask adults to help supervise.	(1 x 3) MEDIUM	Keep abreast of changing timetables
Road from Castle to Duck Bridge – uneven surface with steep gutter at side	Slips and trips	Group members	Stop group and warn of danger. Instruct group to walk in single file behind NP Activity Leader facing oncoming traffic. Instruct group to avoid walking in gutter. Check behaviour and repeat instructions often. Ask adults to help supervise.	(2 x 1) MEDIUM	
Junction with castle driveway Cont. on page 12	Accident with vehicles	Group members/vehicle drivers	If alighting or embarking from or onto buses here then check for traffic. Use group leaders to help monitor road traffic. Instruct pupils to gather in a safe place off the road, ask group leaders to supervise.	(1x3) MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Castle ruins	Falling objects, tripping over objects on the ground	Group members	Warn of hazard. Instruct group not to climb on walls before entering the remains. Keep to areas open to the public. Warn group to watch out for objects lying on the floor.	(2x1) MEDIUM	
Low doorways	Head injury	Group members	Warn of hazard before entering the ruins.	(1x2) MEDIUM	
Uneven stairs	Tripping, falling	Group members	Warn of hazard and instruct group not to run.	(1x2) MEDIUM	
Dressing up in clothes	Transfer of head lice via hats	Group members	Research and consultation with GP surgery suggests that head lice cannot survive in hats and transfer between children by this method is extremely unlikely. See appendix 1	(1x1) LOW	Appendix 1 reviewed during annual risk assessment review

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Page 13: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: White Horse Walk
To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 4 km **Altitude of highest point:** 305m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1km

Terrain: Public rights of way along edge of escarpment to the White Horse and returning through woodland. Includes a descent of about 150 steps beside the White Horse and one fairly steep ascent back up to the top of the escarpment on a narrow path.

Escape Routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles:

Car park at bottom of White Horse Steps SE514812

Short cut – Do not descend White Horse Steps, return by same route along top of escarpment.

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Cyclists around NP building	Being hit, run over by cyclists	Group members; cyclists	Warn pupils about cyclists and instruct to walk sensibly around the centre buildings, keeping a look out for bikes. Signage requests cyclists to dismount close to buildings.	(2 x 1) MEDIUM 2	
Play equipment	Falls	Group members	Children instructed by NP activity leader not to play on equipment whilst being on one of our lead activities.	(1 x 2) MEDIUM 2	
Path along edge of escarpment	Falls	Group members	Warn of danger. Instruct all to stay on path. Repeat instructions regularly. Ask adults to help supervise. Avoid stopping with large groups where there is no space to spread out.	(1 x 3) MEDIUM 3	
Gliders	Being hit by gliders taking off, landing or falling tow line	Group members	Group to keep to footpath at all times. NP Activity Leader to watch glider movements and avoid leading group past cable winding machine when a glider is taking off.	(1 x 3) MEDIUM 3	
Descent down White Horse steps Cont. on page 14	Trips, slips & falls	Group members	Stop group and warn of danger. Instruct to walk in single file holding hand rail. Lead slowly from the front, keeping all group members behind. Ask other adults to help supervise.	(1 x 2) MEDIUM 2	

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Ascent up thieves highway	Falls	Group members	Where the wooden fence is positioned on the ascent then only stop once the whole group is behind the fence.	(1 x 2) MEDIUM 2	
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Page 15: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: **Levisham Moor Walk**

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 5.6km

Altitude of highest point: 260m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 2km

Terrain: Paths on moorland with one steep ascent at the end.

Escape Routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles:

Bridleway from start of route to Seavy Pond at OV833935 (first half of route) accessible by 4 x 4 vehicles.

Shorter route – avoid descending after Seavy Pond and return by same route.

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Undercut edges of griffs (dry, steep sided drainage channels)	Falling	Group members	Point out danger and instruct pupils to keep away from the edge. Ask adults to help supervise.	(1 x 2) MEDIUM 2	

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Page 16: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Duncombe Park Walk

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 5.5km

Altitude of highest point: 140m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1.5km

Terrain: Clearly way marked public footpath (Cleveland Way National Trail) through fields and woodland for first half of walk. No steep ascents or descents except for about 20 steps down and then up at SE595836. Second part of walk on a way marked trail through woods with uneven ground and fields.

Total ascent: 80m, **Total descent:** 80m

Escape routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles.

Griff Lodge SE 590835 and Duncombe Park Visitor Centre and driveway.

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Steps at SE 595836	Slips trips and falls	Group members	Stop and warn to take care. Pupils to stay behind leader. Leader to set a pace that suits the capabilities of the group.	(2 x 2) MEDIUM 4	
Timber operations in woodland.	Contact with vehicles or machinery. Being struck by falling timber or flying debris	Group members, forest workers.	Stay on footpath and take notice of any signs indicating timber operations in progress. Leaders to look and listen for work being carried out. Keep group well clear of machinery but if do need to approach, make sure the driver or operative has seen you before proceeding.	(1 x 3) MEDIUM 3	
River Rye	Slips & trips Getting wet Drowning	Group members	River separated from path by a fence with gate. Whole group to stay on path. Instruct group members not to open gate to access the bank side.	(1x3) MEDIUM 3	

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Page 17: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Discover the First Railways

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 3.5 miles

Altitude of highest point: 150m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1km

Terrain: Clearly way marked public footpath along route of disused railway line (The Rail Trail). Small amount of road walking both at the start and finish.

Total ascent: 30m

Total descent: 80m

Escape routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles:

Beck Hole NZ 822022 or Esk Valley NZ823044

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
River (Murk Esk)	Slips & trips Getting wet Drowning	Group members	NP Activity Leader to assess whether it is possible to walk out onto the river bed on the day to view the bridge. Usual conditions allow for stepping off the path and walking on the stone river bed. If the river bed is covered with water, the group must stay on the bank side.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Stepping stones	Slips & trips Getting wet Drowning	Group members	NP Activity Leader to assess whether it is possible to walk safely on the stones. If the stones are slippery and /or the stream too high then they will not be used. Position adults along the stones to assist children. No more than two children on any one stone at any one time.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Stink bomb Ammonium Sulphide (NH ₄) ₂ S	Contact from hazardous chemical. Cuts from broken glass.	Group members	NP activity leader to wear gloves and goggles, arrange children in a circle. Stink bomb to be shaken inside glass jar with tightly fitting lid away from the circle. NP activity leader to keep hold of jar at all times, lid taken off and smell wafted towards the group members. Lid replaced and jar carried by NP activity leader. Keep out of reach of children.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	Staff to wear protective gloves and goggles. If on hair or skin: remove contaminated clothing, rinse with water. Eyes: remove contact lenses rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Seek medical attention.

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ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 2 km

Altitude of highest point: 40m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 0.5 km

Terrain: Sandy and rocky shore / clearly way-marked public footpath along the cliff top.

Total ascent: 40m **Total descent:** 40m

Escape routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles: Boggle Hole NZ 954 040

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
The sea and rising tides	Getting wet; Getting cut off by rising tide; Drowning	Group members	Arrange activities so that groups are only on the shore at appropriate tide times, ideally working on a falling tide. Copy of tide times provided with teaching resources and with school paperwork. NP Activity leaders are familiar with local conditions and should keep a careful watch on tidal conditions and terminate the activity and return to the village if appropriate. All activities to be carried out on the beach or in rock pools. Activity leaders must keep groups a safe distance away from the edge of the sea at all times.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	Tide times checked on booking and noted on school correspondence which is passed on to activity leaders.
Algae / seaweed on slipway and rocks	Slipping	Group members	Group leaders advised in advance that group members will require appropriate footwear. Warn of hazard. Appropriate footwear checked before starting. Instruct children not to run and to tread carefully in rocky areas.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Crowded conditions on the beach - individuals becoming separated from group or lost. Cont...	Anxiety; Other hazards	Group members	NP Activity leader to select areas on the beach which are less crowded. Activities take place in small groups each with a school staff member supervising. NP Activity leader to consider wearing high visibility waistcoat. NP Activity Leader to carry whistle, demonstrate sound of one long blast and use to gather group if necessary.	(1 x 1) 1 LOW	Action if a child is lost: Arrange for group to be escorted back to slipway by a responsible adult. Use available adults to search. If lost person is not found within 15 minutes call Emergency Services. Report to support staff at The Moors National Park Centre. Report to base. If working on a weekend telephone one of the following: Head of Education 07952 053604, Education Officer 07734 865942, Head of Corporate Services 01751 432007
Cliffs (from below) Cliff edge at top	Being hit or crushed by falling debris from cliff slumps / collapses Falls – cuts, grazes, bruises, broken bones, serious injury.	Group members Group members	Warn of danger. Keep group a safe distance away from base of cliff at all times. Advise visiting teachers of danger and advise not to sit at base of cliff for lunch breaks. Warn of danger. Group members instructed to stay on footpath and not to go near the edge. Ask adults to help supervise and position adults throughout the group.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM (1x3) 3 MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Litter / pollution	Cuts, grazes, infection	Group members	Avoid areas where litter, pollution obvious. Instruct group to be wary of litter. Direct group to hand washing facilities immediately after activity.	(2 x 1) 2 MEDIUM	
Dogs	Bites	Group members	Instruct group members not to approach or try to touch dogs.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Natural materials for art work	Trapping fingers, infection	Group members	Avoid using litter. Stipulate largest size of stones that pupils can lift appropriate to their age / capability. Direct group to hand washing facilities immediately after activity.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Stream at Boggle Hole	Slips, trips, falls, getting wet	Group members	When walking from Robin Hood's Bay the stream can be crossed safely on the rocky shore. Do not lead the group by the cliff side as the water gets too deep for paddling the nearer you approach Boggle Hole. When walking from Boggle Hole, loop around the stream and walk along the rocky shore to cross it at a single point. NP Activity leaders familiar with local conditions. In high flow conditions, consider turning back.	(2 x 1) 2 MEDIUM	
Hob Hole - Cave	Being hit or crushed by falling debris from cliff slumps / collapses	Group members	Warn of danger. View cave from a distance of at least 20 metres. Do not enter it. Advise visiting teachers of danger.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Steep ascents and descents of steps	Slips, trips, falls. cuts, sprains, bruises, broken bones; Asthma attack on ascent	Group members, asthma sufferers	Instruct all pupils to stay behind NP Activity Leader and set a pace appropriate for the ability of the group members. Ask adults to help supervise. NP Activity Leader to be aware in advance of any asthma sufferers (school correspondence) and ensure they have medication with them before setting off. When ascending steps, lead slowly and pause for rests as required.	(2 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Cows in field at Middlewood Farm	Being knocked over or trampled	Group members	Warn pupils to be quiet when passing livestock. Seek alternative route if necessary.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Steep, loose stoned descent on bridleway north of Stoupe Bank Farm	Slips	Group members	Warn all in group that the descent is steep with loose stone. Instruct everyone to use the hand rail where available.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	

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Page 22: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Robin Hood's Bay Geocaching

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 3 km

Altitude of highest point: 90m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1km

Terrain: Clearly way-marked public footpath along the cliff top, grazed fields and disused railway.

Total ascent: 40m **Total descent:** 40m

Escape routes where the group, or pupils unable to complete the route, could be met with vehicles:

Boggle Hole NZ 954 040 or along disused railway at NZ 956 063

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Cliff Edge	Falls – cuts, grazes, bruises, broken bones, serious injury.	Group members	Warn of danger. Group members instructed to stay on footpath and not to go near the edge. Ask adults to help supervise.	(1x3) 3 MEDIUM	
Dogs	Bites	Group members	Instruct group members not to approach or try to touch dogs.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Mill Beck	Slips, trips, falls, getting wet	Group members	All pupils to be with an adult. NP Activity leader to talk through the route with the adults at the start of the session. Adults instructed not to let pupils into the water. A footbridge is provided.	(2x1) 2 MEDIUM	
Continued...					

Page 23: Robin Hood's Bay Geocaching cont...

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Steep ascents and descents with steps	Slips, trips, falls. cuts, sprains, bruises, broken bones; Asthma attack on ascent	Group members, asthma sufferers	NP Activity Leader to be aware in advance of any asthma sufferers (school correspondence) and ensure they have medication with them before setting off. Instruct all pupils to stay with their supervising school adult. Adult to set a pace appropriate for the ability of the group members.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Individuals becoming separated from group or lost.	Anxiety, distress, exposure to other hazards	Group members	Group split into small teams each with a supervising school adult. Maintain appropriate adult to pupil ratios (see above). School adults to do regular head counts. Pupils instructed to stay together. NP Activity Leader to shadow groups and to be familiar with standard routes through training, team teaching and repeated use. Walks limited to specific, risk assessed routes.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	If pupil is lost: Report to base. Arrange for rest of group to be led back to base by a NP staff member. Liaise with group leader and school. Use available adults to search. If lost person is not found within 15 minutes call the police and ask for Mountain Rescue. Report to base. If working on a weekend telephone one of the following: Head of Education 07952 053604, Education Officer 07734 865942, Head of Corporate Services 01751 432007

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Page 24: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Grosmont Discovery Day: Geocaching/walk in woods by car park.
 To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 0.5km

Altitude of highest point: 30m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance:50m

Terrain: Muddy paths within a woodland.

Escape Routes – within 50m of tarmac carpark.

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
River Esk (Geocaching)	Slips & trips Getting wet Drowning	Group members	Instruct group to keep left along the path by the river.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Undercut/unstable river banks/steep slopes (walk)	Falling/drowning	Group members	National Park activity leader to warn of the danger and point out the specific points on the map. Banksides are fenced. Each small group to be supervised by an adult.	(1x3) 3 MEDIUM	
Groups getting disorientated (Geocaching)	Anxiety	Group members	Groups issues with both maps and GPS units and routes follow a linear trail. NP activity leader to consider issuing radios to teacher's/ adult helpers and to shadow groups	(1x1) 1 LOW	
Disused shafts / deep holes	Falls	Group members	Route sticks to main paths within the woodland and does not pass near open shafts / holes. Known shafts marked on the map.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Archaeological remains	Falls	Group members	Instruct group members not to climb on structures.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	

Page 25. Grosmont Discovery Day: Geocaching/walk in woods by car park cont...

Steep slopes of embankments / drop down to lower car park	Slips, trips, falls	Group members	All paths used run some distance from the edge of any steep slopes, or run along the bottom of the embankments. Warn the group to keep to the paths and to stay away from any steep slopes. Groups to be supervised at all times by their group leaders when geocaching.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Low branches Continued...	Scratches, cuts, eye damage	Group members	Group instructed to walk, not run, during geocaching and to watch out for low branches.	(3 x 1) 3 MEDIUM	
Barbed wire fences near the river	Scratches, cuts.	Group members	Instruct group not to touch barbed wire.	(3 x 1) 3 MEDIUM	
Dog faeces	Infection	Group members	Instruct group that the area is a popular dog walking site and to watch out for dog poo. Advised not to touch vegetation/soil near to any deposits. Hand washing facilities available near site. Wet wipes and hand sanitiser carried by activity leader.	(3 x 1) 3 MEDIUM	
Dogs	Bites	Group members	Advise group that people walk their dogs in the area and warn them not to approach any dogs – loose or on the lead.	(3 x 1) 3 MEDIUM	
Poisonous plants / fungus	Poisoning	Group members	Instruct group to avoid touching fungi and warn the group not to put anything in their mouths. Wash hands after the activity.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	

*Please see generic risk assessment for explanation.

Page 26: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Grosmont Discovery Day: Village Walk

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 1.6 km (1 mile)

Altitude of highest point: 60 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 0.5 km

Terrain: Paved footpaths through the village to the engine sheds, then clearly way marked public footpath uphill to the viewpoint, then back downhill to the river and back uphill through Doctor's Wood. All walking near roads is on pavements.

Total ascent: 30 m

Total descent: 30 m

Escape routes: the group is never more than 0.5 km away from a road, where pupils unable to complete the route could be met with vehicles:

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
River (Murk Esk)	Slips & trips Getting wet Drowning	Group members	Instruct group to stay away from the edge of the river. At times of high water levels, group to stay away from the river.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Platform/Trains/Track	Falling onto tracks Burns / scalds from steam or hot engines	Group members	Instruct group to stay back from the edge of the platform at all times. Cross the railway tracks using pedestrian crossing when safe to do so. Warn of trips hazard when crossing track.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Viewing platform	Slipping on stairs Falling over the railing	Group members	Advise group to hold the banister when walking up or down the stairs. Warn group to keep feet on the ground and not to climb onto the railings.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	

*Please see generic risk assessment for explanation.

Page 27: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Roseberry Topping walk

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 3.3 km (2 miles)

Altitude of highest point: 320 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1 km

Terrain: Clearly way marked public bridleway up to the woodland. Muddy paths within a woodland with some steep terrain and drop offs. Clearly marked public bridleways and footpaths through field. Pitched stone tracks on ascent/descent of the final summit.

Total ascent: 200 m

Total descent: 200 m

Escape routes: The group is never more than 1 km away from a road, where pupils unable to complete the route could be met with vehicles at Roseberry topping car park: NZ 570 128

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Fallen Tree in Newton Wood with upturned root plate	Falling into root void. Falling down bank where path has slipped.	Group members	Instruct group to stay away from the hole. Lead group along higher track. Staff members and adult leaders to give clear instructions to children.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Steep ground in Newton Wood	Slips, trips and falls. Falling off edge of the path.	Group members	Instruct group to walk single file to the level ground on the ascent. Same on descent but staff member to be present on the sharp turn until full group is past. Staff members and adult leaders to give clear instructions to children. Demonstrate side step to give a more controlled decent	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Meeting point on final ascent to summit.	Slips, trips and falls as groups pass one another	Group members	Group to wait at the last gate junction until other group passes. Group leaders to coordinate with one another.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Trig point/summit of Roseberry topping.	Falling off cliff edge.	Group members	Group to be split in two (smaller numbers will be more manageable). Distinct crack just beyond the trig point on NW side, NP activity leader to instruct group members not to go beyond this – School staff member positioned appropriately. When flanking the trig point 2 members of staff to be positioned to ensure children do not pass them. Clear verbal instructions given to group before we arrive at the summit (small holding area below final ascent).	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Descent from shooting lodge to wood.	Slips/trips	Group members	Instruct group to follow activity leader down the track to gate, not down the bankside.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	

*Please see generic risk assessment for explanation.

Page 29: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Navigation training day (based at MC and Danby Rigg)

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 8 – 10km

Altitude of highest point: 320 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 0.75 km

Terrain: Farmland, minor road and moorland on undulating to moderately steep terrain.

Total ascent: ~200 m

Total descent: ~200 m

Escape routes: the group is never more than 0.75 km away from a road, where clients unable to complete the route could be met with vehicles:

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING *	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Railway crossing (Pedestrian crossing point with a kissing gate on each side)	Collision with train	Group members	Warn group members and check before crossing. Be aware of train timetable for the day.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Group members becoming lost	Distress and exposure to other hazards.	Group members	The group will be split into teams, each led by an experienced navigator who is familiar with Danby Rigg. These teams will stay together for the navigation exercises.	(2 x 1) 2 MEDIUM	
Dog at Low Coombs Farm	Bites, being knocked over.	Group members	Warn group members before reaching the farm. (Dog seems friendly, if a little vocal)	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Undisclosed medical issues if course is run with adult members of the public/volunteers.	Delayed treatment for a medical condition.	Group members	Encourage group members to confidentially share any medical history or requirements with the course leader/s at the start of the day, and to share the storage location of any medication e.g. epipens. If people are uncomfortable with this ask them to disclose this information with another group member or leave an emergency contact with the leader.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	



Page 30: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Staithes to Runswick Bay

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 3 miles

Altitude of highest point: 90 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1km

Terrain: minor roads, farmland and cliff tops on undulating to moderately steep terrain at the start

Total ascent: ~180m

Total descent: ~ 180 m

Escape routes: the group is never more than 0.75 km away from a road, where clients unable to complete the route could be met with vehicles:

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING *	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Crowded narrow village roads	Collison with vehicles	Group members	NP activity leader to give warning at start of day to be aware of vehicles and to step to the side.	(1 x 3) 3 Medium	
Cliff Edge	Falls – cuts, grazes, bruises, broken bones, serious injury.	Group members	Warn of danger. Group members instructed to stay on footpath and not to go near the edge. Ask adults to help supervise.	(1x3) 3 MEDIUM	

Page 31: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Blue Dolphin to Filey Brigg

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 3 miles

Altitude of highest point: 80 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1km

Terrain: minor roads, farmland and cliff tops on undulating gentle terrain on CW. Filey Brigg path steep terrain

Total ascent: ~0m

Total descent: ~ 30 m

Escape routes: the group is never more than 0.75 km away from a road, where clients unable to complete the route could be met with vehicles:

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING *	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Crowded narrow footpaths	Falls – cuts, grazes, bruises, broken bones, serious injury	Group members	Staff to instruct group to wait and let others through narrow pinch points on the path.	(1 x 3) 3 Medium	
Cliff Edge	Falls – cuts, grazes, bruises, broken bones, serious injury.	Group members	Warn of danger. Group members instructed to stay on footpath and not to go near the edge or over barriers. Ask adults to help supervise.	(1x3) 3 MEDIUM	

Page 32: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Gormire Lake walk and bug hunting

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for;

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Other users on site e.g. Dog walkers	Injuries from collisions, bites	Group members, other users	Instruct group to keep to one side of the path to allow other users to pass. Leader to warn of dog walkers, bikes or horses passing.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	
Covid-19	Spread of virus	Group members, staff, school staff	Follow instructions in 'Working with children and young people' risk assessment.	(1 x 2) 2 MEDIUM	See RA 96. Working with children and young people
Cliff edge at top Cont....	Falls – cuts, grazes, bruises, broken bones, serious injury.	Group members	Warn of danger. Group members instructed to stay on footpath and not to go near the edge. Ask adults to help supervise and position adults throughout the group.	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Working near water	Infection through water borne pathogens, reaction to pollutants and blue green algae eg Leptospirosis – Weils Disease	Group members	<p>Cuts, grazes open wounds should be covered with waterproof dressing. Wear waterproof gloves if appropriate</p> <p>On completion of the task and before eating or drinking wash and dry hands thoroughly or sanitise</p> <p>If develop symptoms of Weils Disease (flu like with persistent/severe headache) – CONSULT A DOCTOR ASAP – and inform them of possible exposure to Weils. If not treated can be fatal.</p>	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	
Slips, trips or falls into Gormire Lake	Accidental immersion, drowning, hypothermia	Group members	<p>Instruct group to keep away from the water's edge</p> <p>Wear appropriate footwear – i.e. wellington boots or walking boots.</p> <p>Stick to tracks/paths where possible.</p> <p>Avoid banks that look unstable or could overhang.</p> <p>Avoid steep and / or slippery banks</p>	(1 x 3) 3 MEDIUM	

Page 34: Site Specific Risk Assessment for: Circular walk from Lordstones car park heading west over Kirkby Bank

To be read in conjunction with the generic risk assessment for guided walks

ROUTE DETAILS

Total distance: 3 miles

Altitude of highest point: 420 m

Maximum distance from a road accessible by ordinary ambulance: 1km

Terrain: Cleveland Way Trail. Soil path with stone flags and stone pitching

Total ascent: 140m

Total descent:70m

Escape routes: back the same way or down hill to minor road at NZ 541 042

HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING*	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Stone pitching	Slips and trips	Group members	Warn group of the steep nature of the stone pitching and advise them to walk slowly and carefully.	(2x2) 4 MEDIUM	