

Risk Assessment: Landscape Education Walk

Name of Event: Landscape Education Walk Kent Date of Assessment Signed:	LOCATION: Kent Downs AONB DATE:	OTHER INFORMATION Frequency/ Severity. 1= low 2 = medium 3 = high Analysis. 1-3 = low 4-6 = medium 8-9 = high Frequency x Severity = Analysis
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HAZARD	RISK?	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	WHAT IS BEING DONE ALREADY?	Probable frequency (1-3)	Severity (1-3)	Analysis (1-9)	PROPOSED ACTION (Action taken, route walked for risk assessment)	RESULTANT RISK LEVEL ACHIEVED H/M/L
Walkers becoming isolated from group	Accidents if not supervised	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	A head count will be taken at the start of the walk and the back marker will undertake to ensure all walkers remain together throughout the walk.	L
Roads and Traffic	Being hit by a motor vehicle	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk. Leaders and back marker as well as intermediary staff to wear high viz jackets	L
Cattle, Sheep and Goats	Attack, disease, biting	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk. They will be reminded to stand back from any cattle and not approach them and be as quiet as possible not to frighten them. They will also be told to listen to the walk leader for instructions if the animals approach and briefed on these instructions before the walk.	L

Ticks	Bites from insect/tick bites and stings – may cause reactions and may result in zoonotic infections (eg. Lymes Disease)	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	School children and teachers will be briefed about ticks and removal, legs and feet should be covered and body checked at end of walk, these can also be found in your garden as well. Avoid large animals; be aware of potential risks from insects and use repellents or wear clothing that covers areas where insects/ticks may bite. Be aware of symptoms of zoonotic infections and consult doctor if illness follows tick bites.	L
Adder Bite	Injury/losing consciousness through adder bite	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	School children and teachers will be briefed about taking care in areas with adders. Adders are shy creatures. Do not touch adders, look where you are walking and do not aggravate them, just walk slowly away from the adder if one is seen. Keep your eyes open and look where you sit.	L
Flints and rough ground and rabbit holes	Tripping over and twisting ankles	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	2	2	4	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk to watch out for flints and uneven ground as well as rabbit holes which will be pointed out on the route.	L
Flints and glass in grass	Falling and cutting body on flints and discarded glass	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	2	2	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk to watch out for flints and discarded glass which may be found on the ground.	L
Animal Faeces	Standing in it	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	2	2	4	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk to watch out for cow pats, dog poo and fox poo and not to touch it.	L
Thistles and brambles	Pricking parts of their bodies	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	2	1	2	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk to watch out for thistles and brambles and to avoid touching them.	L

Nettles	Stinging parts of their bodies	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	2	1	2	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk to watch out for nettles and to avoid touching them. Docks can be used for relief if stung. Nettles will be pointed out on the route.	L
Wood/ branches/ logs/twigs and cut off scrub	Hitting head, tripping and poking	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	2	3	6	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out on the walk to watch out where they walk and climb because of hitting their heads on low branches, tripping over logs, twigs and dead trees. Obstacles will be pointed out on the route.	L
Barbed wire	Scratching and cutting	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	2	2	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out to keep away from barbed wire since they could puncture themselves. Barbed wire will be pointed out on the route.	L
Corrugated Metal	Scratching, tripping and cutting	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	2	2	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out to keep away from any corrugated metal since they could cut themselves and there might be adders underneath, only a qualified must can touch the covers. These corrugated covers will be pointed out on the route.	L
Bee, Wasp and horse fly stings	Stings and bites	Schol children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	2	3	6	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out to watch out for bees and wasps and other insects such as horse flies which may sting.	L
Rabbit holes, uneven ground, muddy slippery slopes and leaves.	Twisted ankles and legs, broken legs and hurt bottoms	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	3	2	6	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out to watch out for uneven and slippery ground and rabbit holes. Walkers must be aware of slippery leaves and muddy slopes.	L

Plants	Allergic reactions	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	2	2	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out about any plants which they should not touch such as hog weed. The leader will be carrying antibacterial hand gel.	L
Poisonous plants	Upset stomach or sickness	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out about any plants which they should not touch. If they do their hands must be washed immediately. Only plants which are safe will be pointed out. The leader will be carrying antibacterial hand gel.	L
Steep hills and steps	Slipping and falling	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	2	2	4	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out to watch out for steep ground.	L
Stile, kissing gates	Falling	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	2	2	Participants will be helped through stiles by the leaders if needed.	L
Fungi	Upset stomach or sickness & allergic reactions	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out about any plants which they should not touch. If they do their hands must be washed immediately. The leader will be carrying antibacterial hand gel.	L
Forestry/coppicing	Hits to the body, tripping	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	3	3	School children and teachers will be briefed before setting out that there may be some coppicing/tree felling work being undertaken. The leader will avoid that area, but to be aware of the dangers.	L

Weather sun/rain/ice/snow/lightning strike/cold temperatures and thunder	Frostbite, chilled, hypothermia, exposure, lightening strike, heat stroke, and sun burn	School children and teachers	Children will be given a power point presentation risk assessment before the walk with the teachers present.	1	2	2	All participants should use waterproofs, and welly boots and a good hat to protect from the wind rain and cold if the weather is inclement. Anybody feeling sick or cold and shivering must report to the leader immediately. In the event of a thunder storm the participants must be protected from the lightening and will make their way immediately back to the start. If the weather is hot the participants should have head protection and sun cream applied before the walk and through the walk.	L
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General. Carry first aid kit only to be used by the leader if trained, otherwise it is available for the teachers or person trained in first aid, otherwise welfare equipment.

The leader will be carrying antibacterial hand gel and a first aid kit.

Make sure you have all of adult mobile numbers before the start of the walk and emergency number.

High viz jackets to be worn by leader and back marker or guides for crossing roads

Always take mobile phone to contact emergency services. School number:

Teacher's mobile number:

Responsible person: Walk guide, mobile number:

will be responsible for the walk.

Teachers will be responsible for the children and their access and transportation to the site.