



SOS Birding Walks Risk Assessment Form:

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Location: Pett Level

Brief Description: Walk along sea wall and back

Suggested clothing: Warm, waterproof clothing depending on weather conditions; strong footwear. In summer, sun hat and appropriate clothing for sunny weather.

Fluids: Please bring sufficient fluids appropriate to the weather conditions.

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Evaluation of Risk (Low/Medium/High)	Risk mitigation measures	Comments
Bad weather	All	Unknown	Check forecast before walk	
Lightning storms	All	Unknown	Check forecast before walk	
Snow and ice	All	Unknown	Check forecast before walk	
Darkness, cloud and fog	All	Unknown	Check forecast before walk	
Hot weather	All	Low	Leader awareness	
Uneven walking surfaces	Less mobile participants	Low	Leader awareness	
Muddy conditions	All	Low	Leader awareness	
Standing water/flooding	All	Low	Leader awareness	
Slippery surfaces	Less mobile participants	Low	Leader awareness	
Trip hazards	Less mobile participants	Low	Leader awareness	
Stiles/gates	Less mobile participants	Zero		
Barbed wire/fences	Less mobile participants	Low	Leader awareness	
Obstructive vegetation	All	Zero		
Stinging/thorny plants	All	Zero		
Falling trees/branches	All	Zero		
Biting insects	All	Low	Leader awareness	
Snakes	All	Zero		
Farm and other animals	All	Low	Leader awareness	
Cycles and horses	All	Zero		

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Cars and other vehicles	All	Low	Leader awareness	
Desk assessment of mobile phone coverage in the walk's area https://www.signalchecker.co.uk/	All	Low	Leader carries a charged mobile phone or ensures that a participant is carrying a charged one	Fairlight has good outdoor signal for all major telephony providers
If a serious accident occurs during the event.	All	Low	SOS walking groups are not required to have trained first aiders present and advice is to contact the emergency services immediately.	in the event of a serious incident, even if there happens to be a member present who has attended a first aid course.
First Aid kits	All	Low	SOS walk leaders carry a basic small first aid kit, which SOS will supply. This does not imply that the leader has qualifications to use this content, but will act in a common sense way should a situation arise.	Please note that the contents of these kits will become expiry dated and SOS will replace these when required. A central register of who was sent these kits will be maintained for ongoing replacement.
Shingle management operations	All	Unknown but possible	Leader awareness	

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