

## Blair Atholl Risk Assessment 2024

Name of activity , event , and location	Nature Walk, Blair Atholl Jamborette, Blair Atholl Estate	Date of risk assessment	Friday, 17 May 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Eirinn Mallon
		Date of next review	Monday 29 June 2026		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled ?
Trips and Falls- uneven terrain, slippery paths, rocks, roots, and natural obstacles.	Participants & leaders.	Make sure participants and leaders have appropriate footwear and are briefed on the terrain. Clear path of debris before walk, ensure everyone is mindful of their surroundings.	If physical path layout becomes dangerously obstructed during walk or between walks alert head of activities team ASAP, to prevent accidents across all potential activity use.
Exposure to adverse weather conditions	Participants & leaders.	Check weather forecast before the walk, advise participants to wear appropriate clothing suited to weather conditions. Seek shelter at small intervals from rain or sun. make sure everyone stays hydrated.	
Dehydration & fatigue	Participants & leaders.	Encourage participants and leaders to bring sufficient water and snacks. Take breaks throughout the walk to rest and rehydrate. Monitor participants for signs of dehydration or exhaustion.	
Wildlife/ livestock encounter- insects, rodents, large wild animals and farmyard animals.	Participants & leaders.	Educate participants on wildlife encounters and appropriate reactions, guide them on how to safely observe animals from a distance without disturbing them. Have a first aid kit on hand for treating insect bites or stings. Ensure participants have epipen if allergic to stings.	
Exposure to poisonous flora- stinging nettles, fox glove, hogweed.	Participants & leaders.	Educate participant on how to correctly identify poisonous flora and how to avoid the dangers. Provide guidance on appropriate actions to take in case of contact.	
Physical fitness & health- participants may not be as fit as others & may have health conditions.	Participants & leaders.	Make sure all leaders are briefed of any underlying health conditions before walk. Ensure the pace of the walk is suitable for all participants and take regular breaks. Have a first aid kit for emergencies.	
Group management- lost participants.	Participants & leaders.	Ensure everyone stays together by taking regular headcounts before, during and after walk. Inform participants of designated meeting points in case of separation.	
Emergency procedures- lack of preparation for injuries, medical conditions & getting lost.	Participants & leaders.	Develop and communicate emergency procedures before the walk. Ensure participants are aware of emergency contact numbers and evacuation routes. Have a designated leader for initiating emergency protocols.	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

You can find more information in the Safety checklist for leaders and at [scouts.org.uk/safety](https://scouts.org.uk/safety)

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