

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Cambridge Three Peaks Challenge 15 mile hike across Cambridge Babraham Rd P&R, Wandlebury, Nine Wells, Byrons Pool, Grantchester, Kings Parade, Castle Hill, Coton	Date of risk assessment	1 Apr 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Tom Hartley Cambridge District Scouts
		Date of last review	7 Apr 2026		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Unexpected hazards cause walkers to need assistance or to withdraw before the end	Walkers	Walkers to understand they are responsible for their own safety and that of their fellow walkers. Mobile numbers taken of group leaders so group can be reached out to if they do not appear at the finish. Organiser's mobile number on the maps for emergency contact. Can available to collect injured/distraught walkers	
Crossing fast roads	Walkers as they cross, drivers	The route has been chose to have road crossing at an absolute minimum and even avoiding pavement use. Small number of roads are quiet with a 30mph limit, but three are faster: Lime Kiln Hill is fast with poor distance visibility, Worts Causeway fast-ish, better visibility, Guided Busway is fast but good signage and visibility. Marshall to assist crossings across Lime Kiln Hill. Add a 'take care crossing this fast road' sign for this and the Worts Cuaseway and Busway crossing signposts. All walkers to be reminded to be careful when crossing roads	
Weather – rain before and during the hike, hot weather causing heat exhaustion or sun stroke.	Young people, leaders	Monitor weather forecast in advance, if heavy rain forecast then suggest to attendees that they should think about aborting. Advise participants on suitable clothing to carry (including sun protection, waterproofs). Tell everyone to bring a filled water bottle. If it's very hot. Check everyone's suitably equipped at the start of the hike and have some spare equipment and food and water available. Remind walkers to contact organisers if they withdraw before reaching the finish	
Terrain – uneven ground, branches, nettles, animals, livestock, and so on.	Young people, leaders	Leaders check route day before the hike. Leaders have physically checked any challenging terrain well in advance and will do so again the day before the event. Advise participants on suitable footwear and check it before the hike. Leaders should carry first aid kits and have appropriate training. Livestock has been re-homed off or away from the route.	
Lost – navigation failure, poor maps, loss of signage	Walkers	Walkers given clear map with good instructions and organiser's number on it Walkers told it is OK to call if they get lost; organisers will help get them back on track Car is available to help ferry really lost walkers back to the route	
Lost – separation from the group	Walkers	Walkers checked at regular intervals to ensure nobody left behind Leader front and rear of group to reduce chances of separation	
Tired/Hungry/Thirsty	Walkers	Walkers reminded to carry food and water and that it is not a race so take your time. Organiser's number on maps for emergency contact.	

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