

Risk Assessment For (Meet/Event/Venue/Activity)_ BMC Sphagnum planting event in association with National Trust 2nd November

NT have supplied their own risk-assessment for their part of the activity that should be read in conjunction with this.

National Trust (Kinder Estate) rangers will take between 5 (min.) and 16 (max.) BMC members to plant sphagnum moss plug plants on either Kinder Scout or Bleaklow as part of bog restoration work. Members will meet NT at a designated lay-by on the A57 and then be transported by NT Landrover or minibus to the chosen moor access point. From here members and NT rangers will walk for approx. 40 mins to 1 ½ hours to the upland planting site chosen to plant sphagnum plugs under the direct supervision of NT rangers before returning by the same means to the parked cars. All activity on the hill will be directed by NT personnel who carry out briefings and will supply all necessary materials and tools (excepting gloves – to be supplied by participants). BMC members will be asked to wear usual and bring their own food and drink kit for a full hill day.

The BMC event coordinator will provide extra support to NT staff during the walk up and down, offering extra support to participants where necessary and keeping an eye on safety of participants throughout.

Name of Assessor Peter Judd (Peak Area Hill Walking Volunteer)

Experience / qualification Experienced walk leader / Summer Mountain Leader Award Holder

Assessor's Signature ____Peter Judd____ **Date** __06/10/2019__

Activity	Hazard	Who is at risk	Risk Factor H/M/L	Precautions to reduce risks	Residual risk H/M/L
Hill walking	Group members becoming split from the leader or group	Participants	M	Briefing at the beginning of walk - participants to be requested to stay together as a group throughout the walk, in sight and within easy hailing distance of the walk leader and assistant leaders. Head counts will be made at regular intervals. Leaders are familiar with appropriate search techniques in the unlikely event of someone becoming separated from the group.	L

	Navigation error leading to party becoming lost	Participants	M	While NT will direct the route, BMC leaders are suitably qualified or experienced to navigate the route that is planned, are familiar with relocation techniques and are also familiar with the area in which the walk will take place.	L
	Inadequate levels of fitness leading to participant not being able to complete the walk safely	Participants	M	Walking distances will be relatively short (< 5 miles). Leaders will look out for signs of excessive fatigue and are capable of taking anyone not fit enough back if need be.	L
	Insufficient food or water.	Participants	M	In the briefing before the walk, participants will be advised to bring a packed lunch (full-day walk), snacks and sufficient water or other drinks.	L
	Pre-existing medical conditions causing problems.	Participants	M	Walkers will be asked, during the pre-walk briefing, to speak privately to the leaders, prior to commencement of the walk, about any medical conditions they have that may have a bearing on their ability to participate safely.	L
	Hypothermia	Participants	M	Leaders are qualified or experienced in party management and first aid, and will undertake continuous risk assessment throughout the walks, taking appropriate actions to avoid participants becoming excessively cold. Leaders will carry amongst them an emergency mountain shelter and some spare items of clothing. Anyone turning up for the walk who doesn't appear to be properly dressed or equipped will not be permitted to take part.	L
	Road Traffic	Participants	H	No major road crossings are expected but should any be necessary then leaders are qualified or experienced in party management. Participants to be warned of any particular dangers and reminded to pay attention to traffic.	L
	Ground hazards such as wet grass, mud, uneven terrain, bogs,	Participants	M	The route will be chosen by NT staff by BMC leader will keep an eye on their choice and intervene as necessary. Leaders are qualified or experienced in leading groups over this type of terrain and some have first aid training. Participants will be expected to	L

	loose rock, boulders etc.			wear suitable footwear to minimise the risk of trips and slips that could lead to injuries. Leaders are qualified or experienced to recognise areas of ground likely to be challenging, and use party management skills to guide participants through or around them where necessary.	
	Falls from rocks and cliff edges	Participants	M	There are unlikely to be any such situations encountered by if there are then leaders are qualified or experienced in party management to try to ensure that no-one does go closer than necessary.	L
	Rivers and streams	Participants	M	No serious water crossings are expected but BMC leaders are experienced in managing such crossings and will exercise judgement and intervene if necessary to supervise or stop crossings they judge to be unsafe for the participants.	L
	Snow and ice	Participants	H	In the event of anything more than a very light covering of snow, or of ice, then the activity will be cancelled. Otherwise the Leaders will undertake continuous risk assessment throughout the walks and are qualified or experienced in party management so they will guide the participants through any challenging areas or re-route as necessary.	L
	Stiles	Participants	M	There are a few stiles to be climbed over. It is not anticipated that these will pose any unusual risk to anyone who considers themselves fit enough to do the walk.	L
	High winds	Participants	M	Walk leaders will check weather forecasts prior to the walk taking place. If exceptionally strong winds are forecast, then the activity will not go ahead.	L
	Heavy rain	Participants	M	The activity will still go ahead in rain conditions unless it is exceptionally heavy (or has been over preceding days). Participants will be advised to bring weatherproof clothing appropriate for the	L

				likely conditions. Leaders may adjust the route or timing to avoid the worst conditions.	
	Hill fog/low cloud	Participants	M	Leaders suitably qualified or experienced in navigation in these conditions and are suitably qualified or experienced in party management to ensure the group stays close together, and in search techniques in the unlikely event that someone goes missing.	L
	Lightening	Participants	M	Leaders are qualified or experienced to take appropriate actions to minimise the risk of lightning strike to group members. If thunder storms are forecast, then the activity is likely to be cancelled.	L
	Nightfall	Participants	M	The route and timing of the activity are planned to incorporate a very good margin of safety with regards to daylight hours. Leaders are suitable experienced or qualified to navigate in the dark, and carry torches and spare batteries or spare torches.	L