

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. General

- 1.1 The Festival has a responsibility to ensure that all of its activities are as safe as reasonably possible. Walks are led by experienced volunteer leaders, who take all reasonable steps to ensure the walks are safe.
- 1.2 The 'Festival' ensures that the group size is appropriate, limiting the number on each walk to 20, excluding the Leader and Assistants.
- 1.3 Each Leader carries a First Aid Kit and an Emergency Shelter.
- 1.4 Walk leaders require you to abide with their instructions whilst under their supervision, this is essential to enable them to prioritise your safety.
- 1.5 Walk Leaders have the right to reject any person they believe to be inadequately prepared for the walk.
- 1.6 Please note that walks may have to change due to a variety of circumstances beyond our control, but we will always endeavor to provide suitable alternatives.
- 1.7 We cannot refund payments for walks cancelled during the Festival because of bad weather.
- 1.8 If the festival as a whole is cancelled for reasons beyond our control we will refund your booking fee.
- 1.9 A copy of our Risk Assessment is available on request.

### 2. Environmental Impact

- 2.1 Where possible, we try to use public transport to get to and from our walks and this will be indicated in the walk description.
- 2.2 Where it is necessary to drive to the start of a walk, we encourage car sharing to minimise our environmental impact. This can be arranged during morning registration and will be facilitated by the organisers where necessary.
- 2.3 A contribution of 20p per mile towards the drivers' travel costs is suggested for passengers receiving lifts.
- 2.4 When out walking it is important that we leave our surroundings exactly as we find them. Please take all rubbish back with you, including fruit skins, peel and cores.

### 3. Emergency Information

The following information must be easily accessible in an emergency;

**Your Name**

**Emergency Contact Name**

**Emergency Contact Mobile Number**

**Any Health Conditions (including medication taken)**

Please make sure you have a piece of paper, containing these details stored in the top flap of your rucksack.

If you take any medication, please make sure you carry it with you. Please share any previous or existing medical issues or allergies with the walk leader prior to starting the walk and advise them of any medication you may need during the walk.

#### **4. Competence**

Fundamentally, you are responsible for your own safety. We would ask you, therefore, not to join a walk unless you think you are physically fit enough to complete it safely and are suitably clothed. The walk leader will advise you on the nature of the day's route and any hazards you may expect to encounter at the start of each walk.

#### **5. Insurance**

The Festival has taken out public liability insurance for the walks and accepts duty of care by taking all sensible precautions.

Participants attend walks at their own risk.

Personal Accident Insurance is **NOT** provided. It is up to each individual, to arrange their own cover should they wish to do so.

#### **6. Dog owners**

Not every walk is suitable for dogs.

Please check the walk description for details.

Your dog should be able to cope well with stiles, a common feature along most of our routes.

It is every dog owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to other people and does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife. Please keep your dog on a lead at all times and please make sure to clear up after your dog and bag it, remove it and dispose of it in a proper manner.

We strongly advise walkers, accompanied by dogs, to avoid cattle with calves where possible. If pursued, you should immediately release the dog's lead and concentrate on your own safety.

Horses may also take a dislike to your dog and it is best to avoid them where possible. You should not attempt to give food or treats to horses, as this can cause friction within their social group, posing a potential risk of injury when in close proximity.