

| RISK ASSESSMENT: Mid Grampian Mesolithic Fieldwalking | | | | | | |
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| Assessor: | | Tracey West | | | | |
| Assessment Date: | | 27 December 2023 | | Next Review Date: | | 27 December 2024 |
| Hazard | Who might be harmed and how | Controls | Severity | Likelihood | Residual Risk | |
| Access to Field - Traffic | Mid Grampian Mesolithic Members and Visitors. Fatality, Personal Injury | If on road, volunteers should walk towards oncoming traffic and hi-vis should be worn by lead and rear persons (minimum). Volunteers should remain aware of their surroundings and take particular care if crossing roads. | 4 | 1 | 4 | |
| Access to Field | Mid Grampian Mesolithic Members and Visitors. Personal Injury, Damage to clothing. Property Damage. | Access to field should be via gate or stile and volunteers should not climb over walls/fences. | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| Body Temperature | Mid Grampian Mesolithic Members and Visitors. Hypothermia, Heat Stroke, Dehydration | Volunteers are encouraged to wear/bring layers to assist with control of body temperature. Volunteers are encouraged to bring hot/cold drinks. | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| Field Treatments & Contaminants (e.g. Chemical Fertiliser, Animal Faeces) | Mid Grampian Mesolithic Members and Visitors. Infection, Poison, Miscarriage | Volunteers should cover any open wounds and gloves are highly recommended. Hand sanitiser should be used before eating or drinking. Persons at high risk (e.g. pregnant) are not permitted to fieldwalk. | 4 | 1 | 4 | |
| Field Condition | Mid Grampian Mesolithic Members and Visitors. Slips and Trips, Personal Injury | Care should be taken in muddy fields and boggy areas avoided. Volunteers should be aware of the welfare of others walking near them. | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| Flints/glass and other sharp finds | Mid Grampian Mesolithic Members and Visitors. Personal injury | Flints and glass can be very sharp even though they have been in the soil. Care should be taken when handling finds and gloves are highly recommended. | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Distance from Medical Aid | Mid Grampian Mesolithic Members and Visitors. Fatality, Personal Injury | A first aid kit will always be available and any injuries or illness should be reported to a member of the Management Committee. Volunteers should carry their emergency medication with them. Checks will be made to ensure where mobile reception is available, should emergency services need to be contacted. | 4 | 1 | 4 | |
| NOTES | | | | | | |
| All fields will be surveyed in advance of fieldwalk to identify safe access routes and assess ground conditions. | | | | | | |
| All volunteers are required to complete and return a form to include emergency contact details and disclosure of health issues. This information will be used to provide first aid and be given to emergency services personnel if they should be called. | | | | | | |
| | Likelihood | | | | | |
| | 1 - Very Remote | 2 - Unlikely | 3 - Possible | 4 - Probable | | |
| Severity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |
| 1 - Negligible | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |
| 2 - Minor | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | | |
| 3 - Serious | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | | |
| 4 - Fatal | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | | |