

FSO SURVEY RISK ASSESSMENT

RISKS

These risks can be mitigated by the following actions which will be communicated in the general introductory talk at start of each walk

Personal protection

Wear suitable clothing and stout/waterproof footwear

Vehicles, risk of theft/contents

Ensure vehicles are locked and any items of value removed or placed out of site

Personal injury – tripping or falling over due to exposed roots, rough ground, slippery surfaces, steep inclines etc

Take care to avoid personal injury such as sprained ankles by avoiding trip hazards such as tree roots, brambles etc and by taking particular care on slippery surfaces or rough ground. Keep away from steep drops and take care on stiles and with gates

Personal injury – falling overhead branches, from low branches, unsafe trees etc

Avoid trees with damaged branches, particularly if wind is high. Take care when moving under low branches and do not climb trees to reach fungi

Personal injury – ditches, water courses, lakes etc

Do not jump ditches and keep clear of water courses and bodies of water. If you do need to approach then ensure another member of party close at hand

Personal injury – ingestion of raw fungal material

Do not eat any mushroom or toadstool

Stress – getting lost/disoriented possibly missing for some time in poor weather or due to injury

Keep in touch with the group and take note of leader mobile phone number and make contact if lost. Keep track of route back to start or meeting point

Children – responsibility for welfare

Children must be accompanied by an adult who is to maintain supervision and be responsible for the children

Site specific hazards – grazing cattle/horses, wild boar for example

Where site specific hazards are present the leader will advise and give guidance on how to mitigate any risk identified

Medical emergencies

Site specific advice on medical emergencies will be given