



## Lochranza Field Centre Site Specific Risk Assessment: Goatfell Mountain Walk

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Where Hazards have been identified as Generic to all activities the controls are specified within the Generic Instructing Standards

Where Hazards have been identified as generic to all Lochranza offsite activities the controls are specified within the Generic Lochranza Local Operating Area Risk Assessment

Where Hazards have been identified as Generic to all Land activities the controls are specified within the Generic Land Risk

Where Hazards have been identified as Generic to all Hikes, Treks and Walks the controls are specified within the Generic Risk Assessments for Open Moorland and Mountainous Areas.

Hazards (please specify)	Existing Control Measures (please specify if present)	Residual Risk Level (Insert values and multiple score : see key )		
		Low	Med	High
Injury or illness caused by departure from designated route	Lead instructor briefs all instructors on the routes to be followed prior to the walk. Instructors to be Mountain Leader Summer Award (MLS) assessed. Instructor to carry a map with the route alternatives clearly marked. Ratio of 1:12 as per SSOP.	2x1 = 2		
Inexperience and stamina. Injury caused by participants lack of competence and/or guests being unable to complete the route	All participants will be made aware in advance of the necessary physical ability required to complete the walk and/or have their levels of competence established by means of a practical session before the walk commences. The lead instructor to ensure the route/activities are adapted to and appropriate for the abilities of the group. Before setting of the lead instructor ensures the participants are briefed on procedures and likely hazards as per the SSOP.	3x6 = 6		
Individuals being separated from the rest of the group	Lead instructor briefs all instructors on the use of mobile phones and radios prior to walk. Instructors to be aware of areas where mobile phone signal is weak. Large groups to be split into smaller manageable groups maintaining overall ratio of 1:12 as per the SSOP. Lead instructor remains in touch with all groups and regroup effectively at agreed points. Instructors to remain in regular contact with each other and supervise the front and back of their own group. Regular headcounts to be used.	4x1 = 4		
Injury or illness as a result of <b>high</b> temperature.	Instructor to check weather forecast before departure. Instructor to brief group before departure. Group to be adequately dressed for conditions and forecast. Adequate water to be supplied by all (checked before departure).	2x2 = 4		

Injury or illness as a result of <b>low</b> temperature.	Instructor to check weather forecast before departure. Instructor to brief group before departure. Group to be adequately dressed for conditions and forecast. Clothing to be in accordance with the SSOP. Instructor to carry spare layers, a group shelter and an emergency blizzard blanket.	2x2 = 4		
Scrambling. Injury caused while traversing drop-offs, rock steps and scrambles.	Instructor to be MLS assessed. Instructor must remain within MLS remit and make an ongoing dynamic assessment of the group's capabilities. Participants briefed on hazards and appropriate route through the section. Instructor to consider spotting. Footwear to be in accordance with the SSOP. Group to move over the section at an appropriate speed.		4x2 = 8	
Injury caused by slips, trips and falls on difficult terrain: steep ground, very wet/waterlogged ground, uneven ground, narrow paths and rocky terrain.	Instructor to be MLS assessed. Participants briefed on potential hazards and appropriate route through the section. Instructor to maintain group control and set an appropriate speed over the section. Footwear to be in accordance with the SSOP.	3x2 = 6		
Emergency access: injury or illness worsened by delay in emergency services reaching the scene	Medical disclosure forms collated and reviewed before the mountain walk. Instructor to have current First Aid at Work certificate. Instructor to be aware of areas where mobile phone signal is weak and carry a map with the nearest vehicle access points clearly marked. For any participant under 18 a responsible adult in loco parentis must be contactable for the duration of the walk.	2x2 = 4		
River crossings. Injury caused by slips, trips and falls in moving water	Participants to be briefed on underfoot conditions in the river and location of strong currents. Instructor demonstrates safe procedure and assists as required. Crossings are not to be made if the river level is approaching knee level or is predicted to rise to knee level. Participants to be made aware that safety takes precedence over dry feet. On the Corrie Burn the crossing point on the path with steeping stones should be used.	3x2 = 6		
Other people; unknown individuals and 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties: injury or illness caused by the behaviour of or contact with a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party.	Instructor to speak on behalf of the group if necessary. Group to be polite and respectful in public places.	4x1 = 4		

(Key: 1-7 = Low Risk; 8-15 = Medium Risk; 16-25 = High Risk)

**Endorsed by:** Chris Traill, Director

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