

TVGS Field Excursions - Risk Assessment

Destination: **Teme Valley – Southstone Rock and Brockhill Dyke**

Proposed Date: **April 5th**

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Start Time: **1330 (1.30 p.m.)**

Starting Point: **Memorial Hall, Martley, Worcester WR6 6PQ**

Proposed Route: **Drive to Brockhill Grange and walk to Brockhill quarry; drive to Shelsley Walsh; drive 3 km north and walk to Southstone Rock.**

Approximate End Time: **1700-1730 (5-5.30 p.m.)**

Toilet facilities: **Only at start**

Nearest hospital with accident and emergency facilities: **Worcester Royal Infirmary**

Public telephone boxes: **No**

Hazard / risk assessment:

Locality	Hazard	Terrain	Risk	Severity (high, med, low)	Action(s) Required (to reduce / eliminate risk)
Brockhill Quarry	Falls	Uneven and sloping ground	Trips/falls	low	Strong footwear; care when walking
	Rockfall	Walls of old quarry	Rockfall	variable	No standing under face without helmet. Participants to be aware of position of others around them and act cautiously
Southstone Rock	Falls	Ground very muddy and sticky especially with recent rain Hazardous ground – sideways slope, potholes, steep drop below	Falls Falls, sprains or breaks	Low, but high likelihood Variable	Use wellington boots and walking stick Move cautiously; cooperate with other group members
	Rockfall	Vertical tufa cliff	Rockfall or accidental dislodging of material	variable	No standing under face without helmet. Participants to be aware of position of others below them and act cautiously

Leominster U3A and Teme Valley Geological Society

5th April 2017 Excursion to Brockhill Quarry and Southstone Rock, Teme Valley

Safety instructions

The main hazards on this trip are 1) falling on uneven, steep or slippery ground, 2) rockfall and 3) careless actions of other people. The last stop, Southstone Rock, is approached along a right of way which is steep and is usually very muddy and slippery.

You are strongly advised to bring stout footwear, and also Wellington boots for Southstone Rock. A walking stick is recommended as it will significantly reduce the chances of falling on muddy ground.

No one will be allowed to stand under vertical rock faces unless they are wearing a helmet (to be supplied by participants).

Participants must disclose any medical conditions of which leaders should be aware and must obey safety instructions of field leaders.

Joining instructions

Assemble in the car park of Martley Memorial Hall (WR6 6PQ) at 1.30 p.m.

Some of us will have lunch in the nearby Crown pub beforehand.

Parking limitations restrict us to using 6 cars (3 each from Leominster U3A and TVGS). Other vehicles can be left in the car park. We plan to return to the car park by 5 to 5.30 p.m.