

## **BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**IMPORTANT: please read carefully**

- Part of the attraction of valley, hill and mountain walking is the challenge of tackling different terrains, landscapes and weather conditions. Every effort is made to minimise potential hazards; however, the very nature of valley, hill and mountain walking involves a certain level of inherent and unavoidable risk of accident and/or injury. The most common accident and/or injury in the outdoors include slips, trips and falls, as well as personal injury such as blisters, strained muscles, scratches & stings, sunburn and getting cold (*these are just examples and is not an exhaustive list*). Of course, more serious accidents/injuries may occur due to the natural environment (steep, uneven, rocky, wet, slippery ground), personal health issues and extreme weather conditions. By taking part in this activity, you are aware of and accept these risks.
- All walks will involve a varying degree of uneven & rough terrain, muddy/rocky/wet ground, fields, riverside, woodland, remote open country, high ground, hills, moorland and mountainous terrain, stiles, stream crossings, roads and lanes, farms and livestock as well as a number of ascents/descents, some of which may be steep and sustained. We may also encounter adverse weather conditions on the walk, as well as darkness and/or poor visibility.
- Walking and outdoor activities can be strenuous. Never underestimate the strenuous nature of walking particularly when this is combined with the natural environment, hill and mountainous terrain and the elements.
- No previous hill-walking experience is required and walks are 'pitched' according to the experience and average fitness levels of the group. However, a reasonable level of fitness and ability is required as the natural environment can be demanding at times.
- All participants must provide full, complete and accurate information on their Booking Form, including any medical conditions, special requirements, allergies and/or recent illnesses; participants must inform the Walk Leader of any changes to their personal information (including medical information) that have occurred between signing their Booking Form and the day of the walk.
- All participants must provide suitable outdoor footwear, preferably walking boots, with sturdy cleated soles and ankle support.
- Mark Reid or his freelance Mountain Leaders (Walk Leaders) accept no responsibility for personal accidents or injury or for loss or damage to personal effects unless caused by their negligence as Walk Leaders. We strongly recommend you have adequate personal insurance cover for accident or injury, as well as travel insurance in case of cancellation.
- All participants must take heed of any safety information, guidance or hazard warnings given by the Walk Leader during the pre-walk briefing or whilst on the walk.
- As this is an Adventurous Activity in a natural environment then we operate a no alcohol & no smoking policy during the activity.
- Dogs are not permitted on any of our walks. This is due to ground nesting birds, livestock & other walkers/countryside users.
- The Walk Leader reserves the right to refuse to take a participant whom they consider will be unable to complete the planned activity, is wearing unsuitable clothing, ignores direct safety instructions from the Walk Leader or whose behaviour falls below an acceptable standard that puts others within the group at risk.
- **Accommodation, Food & Travel** - You must book and pay for any accommodation, food and/or travel (the 'service provided') directly yourself. The contract for the service provided is between the person making the booking and the service provider.
- **Payments** - full payment is required prior to the outdoor course or activity (the 'event') to secure your booking.
- **Transfer of Booking** – You may transfer your booking to another advertised date (*subject to availability*) subject to the payment of the following transfer fees:
  - Within 14 days from the date you paid for your booking ('date of booking') – *free transfer*
  - After 14 days from date of booking & over 14 days before the event – *additional payment of 25% of the cost of the event.*
  - 7 – 14 days before the event – *additional payment of 50% of the cost of the event.*
  - Within 7 days of the event – *additional payment of 75% of the cost of the event.*These transfer fees are payable at the time of transfer (*plus any price difference*). All transfers must be made prior to the event.
- **Cancellations:** You may cancel your booking any time within 14 days from the *date you paid for your booking* ('date of booking'), and we will refund the cost of your booking in full. All cancellations must be confirmed in writing by email, text or post (your refund will be sent to you within 14 days). Cancellations after 14 days from the date of booking will be subject to the following cancellation charges (which will be deducted from your refund):
  - Over 28 days before the event – *cancellation charge of 25% of the cost of the event.*
  - 14 – 28 days before the event – *cancellation charge of 50% of the cost of the event.*
  - 7 – 14 days before the event – *cancellation charge of 75% of the cost of the event.*
  - 1 – 7 days before the event or non attendance – *cancellation charge of 100% of the cost of the event.*
- The event may be cancelled by the Walk Leader within 48 hours of the event due to adverse weather conditions or forecast. If the event is cancelled by the Walk Leader then the event will either be rescheduled for another date, your booking transferred to another advertised date or a credit note issued to be redeemed within 12 months against any TeamWalking event. The decision to cancel the event lies solely with the Walk Leader. In the event of cancellation by the Walk Leader, then TeamWalking's liability is limited to the cost of your chosen activity only. We recommend you have adequate travel insurance in case of cancellation.
- The pre-planned routes may be subject to change whilst on the walk due to adverse weather conditions, pace of the group, fitness and ability levels, accidents or injuries etc. In extreme circumstances the walk may be terminated. Once the walk has commenced then any such changes to the pre-planned walk are deemed to be part of the event. The decision to change or terminate the walk lies solely with the Walk Leader.
- All participants must be aged 18 years or over. Under 18s (minimum age 14) may attend if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and with prior agreement with TeamWalking as some of our activities are unsuitable for under 18s.

**These Terms and Conditions must be read in conjunction with the relevant Walk or Course Overview, which gives more details of the chosen activity; together the Booking Form and the Walk or Course Overview form the contract between us.**

Mark Reid is a qualified *Walking Group Leader, Hill & Moorland Leader and Mountain Leader*, and holds a current Outdoors First Aid certificate as well as Public and Civil Liability Insurance.