



Why Your Guide May Change the Plan

A change of plan can be a sign of good guiding. An operator may adjust an activity when conditions or participant needs affect the safety plan.

01 What might change?

Your departure time, route, pace or breaks. An alternative activity, postponement or cancellation may be appropriate.

02 What might prompt a change?

Heat, lightning, wildfire, wind, flooding, unsafe water or a participant who is struggling.

03 How should a decision be made?

Using current conditions, activity risks, participant capabilities, professional judgement and the operator's safety procedures.

04 Keep the conversation open

Ask what has changed, why the adjustment helps and what you need to do. Professional judgement should be explained and accountable.

Ask your operator about practical arrangements and applicable booking terms.

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General educational guidance. Activity-specific decisions remain the responsibility of the relevant operator and competent personnel.

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