

Animal Tracks and Signs Risk Assessment

Activity: Animal Tracks and Signs session

What are the hazards?

- Animal Droppings, bones, remains
- Rabbit holes, branches and logs
- Fungi
- Bracken
- Rough Ground
- Bikes

Who is at risk? Staff, participants and members of the public.

What are the risks?	Existing safety measures/controls	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Handling animal droppings/ bones/ remains and contracting illness from the contact	Participants to avoid handling droppings, etc. Where necessary, the instructor to handle bones, etc. Hands must be washed following the activity	LOW	LOW
Inhalation of toxic spores from fungi (e.g. earth-balls)	Group told not to touch any fungi and to ask instructor if unsure about an object they have found	LOW	LOW
Tripping over and falling rabbit holes, branches and logs	Group advised about rough terrain and to tread carefully, told not to run All areas maintained to acceptable conditions for the activity in question (i.e. natural woodland for environmental sessions, clear footing where spotting is required etc.) Instructors and participants should wear appropriate footwear i.e. trainers	LOW	LOW

