

Art in the Environment led and self-led

Activity: Art in the environment

What are the hazards?

- Bracken
- Items found for sculptures
- Proximity to Water

Who is at risk?

Staff and Participants

<i>What are the risks?</i>	<i>Existing safety measures/controls</i>
Any incident as described in the general risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader must be aware of potential hazards and make sure the group understands the potential risks of the activity • Points to consider include: Avoiding ponds and lakes, take care around bumpy ground, set "out of bounds" areas e.g. staff areas and roads and avoid stinging and prickly plants
Handling animal droppings, bones, soil, remains and contracting illness from the contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to ensure participants avoid handling droppings, etc. and to minimize their own contact. • Hands must be washed following the activity
Cuts and stings from brambles, stinging nettles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas with high density of these plants to be avoided, • Group warned of plants presence
Scratches or eye injuries from low branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn participants about low branches and to tread carefully
Cuts/ gashes from sharp objects in leaf litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter picks to be carried out on a regular basis by Avon Tyrrell staff
Inhalation of toxic spores from fungi (e.g. earth-balls).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group told not to touch any fungi and to ask if they are unsure about an object they have found
Cuts from bracken and inhalation of carcinogenic spores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group warned about bracken cuts and areas with bracken avoided during late summer and autumn when spores released
Drowning – Ponds and Lakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear boundaries to be set for all activities avoiding water edges • Throw lines to be carried on all sessions that take place near the water • First aid kits and radios to be carried in case of emergency by instructors and recommended for groups running self-led sessions
Teachers and group leaders causing injury through lack of understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-led packs have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Risk assessment ○ Traffic light briefing ○ Lesson plan • For groups who have never run this session before a briefing by a competent member of staff is recommended

Reference to other manuals assessments:

- Avon Tyrrell reference and training folder
- UK Youth Health and Safety policy
- **When was the assessment reviewed and by whom?**
- Friday, 15 April 2016 Chief Instructor
- **Date of next review and to be done by whom?**
- 1 year from this review Chief Instructor

Next Review

March 2016
Chief Instructor 1 year following last review