

Mini Beasts Session Risk Assessment

Activity: Mini beats session

- What are the hazards?
- Logs
 - Rabbit holes, branches and roots
 - Sharp objects
 - Bracken
 - Rough Ground
 - Poor Weather
 - Proximity to Water
 - Wet ground
 - Adders

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

What are the risks?	Existing safety measures/controls	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Injuries from lifting and moving logs	Information relayed to participants regarding the safe lifting of logs. To roll the logs if possible and work together	LOW	LOW
Sharp objects buried in leaf litter including sweet chestnut cases.	Warn participants to be careful when sifting through leaf litter All litter should be picked up and removed when noticed Regular litter picks to take place	LOW	LOW
Tripping over and falling	Group told not to run within the area and to watch out for slippery logs especially in wet weather Warn participants about holes in the ground 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

Slipping on wet ground	Informed not to run during activities and games, emphasis to be made on not racing during energy game when wet	LOW	LOW
Scratches or eye injuries from low branches	Warn participants about low branches and to tread carefully	LOW	LOW
Cuts from bracken and inhalation of carcinogenic spores	Group warned about bracken cuts and areas with bracken avoided during late summer and autumn when spores are released	LOW	LOW
Contraction of Lyme's Disease due to ticks	All participants advised to wear long sleeves/trousers when using areas with lots of Bracken Group advised to check for ticks following sessions and group leaders informed of best methods of removal and symptoms of Lyme's disease Further information is available in the training and resource folder located in the coach house	LOW	LOW
Drowning – Ponds and Lakes	Clear barriers to be set for all activities avoiding water edges Throw lines to be carried on all sessions	LOW	LOW
Bite from Snakes	Instructor briefed to remove group from area if snake is spotted	LOW	LOW

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?

November 2018

Chief Instructor

Date of next review and to be done by whom?

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Chief Instructor