## Pond Dipping Session Risk Assessment

**Activity:** Pond Dipping session

### What are the hazards?
- Pond
- Equipment
- Weather
- Debris
- Disease

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

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<th>What Are The Risks?</th>
<th>Existing Safety Measures/Controls</th>
<th>Likelihood</th>
<th>Risk rating</th>
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<td>Possible exposure to contaminated water leading to &quot;Weils&quot; disease (leptospirosis)</td>
<td>Covering open cuts with micropore tape/plaster or wearing gloves during the activity should protect participants. Touching the mouth, eyes or nose should be avoided during the activity. Groups should be encouraged to wash their hands and face after sessions, to reduce the likely hood of contracting the disease Further information on Weils disease can be found in the Training and Resource folder in the coach house</td>
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<td>Drowning</td>
<td>Clear boundaries to be set to ensure participant stay in area with a railings. Throw lines to be carried on all sessions First aid kits and radios to be carried in case of emergency The water depth is about 1 metre</td>
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<td>MEDIUM</td>
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<td>Tripping over and falling</td>
<td>Equipment should be set up away from the pond to avoid people tripping over. Numbers of people around the edge of the pond should be minimised, one member from each group only. 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</td>
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<td>Incorrect use of long handled nets</td>
<td>Demonstrate correct use of net to participants; stress how important it is to be aware of who is behind you, and how to carry net safely.</td>
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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?
November 2019 Chief Instructor