

## 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.

What Are The Risks?	Existing Safety Measures/Controls	Likelihood	Risk rating
Possible exposure to contaminated water leading to "Weils" disease (leptospirosis)	<p>Covering open cuts with micropore tape/plaster or wearing gloves during the activity should protect participants.</p> <p>Touching the mouth, eyes or nose should be avoided during the activity.</p> <p>Groups should be encouraged to wash their hands and face after sessions, to reduce the likely hood of contracting the disease</p> <p>Further information on Weils disease can be found in the Training and Resource folder in the coach house</p>	LOW	LOW
Drowning	<p>Clear boundaries to be set to ensure participant stay in area with a railings.</p> <p>Throw lines to be carried on all sessions</p> <p>First aid kits and radios to be carried in case of emergency</p> <p>The water depth is about 1 metre</p>	LOW	MEDIUM

Tripping over and falling	<p>Equipment should be set up away from the pond to avoid people tripping over.</p> <p>Numbers of people around the edge of the pond should be minimised, one member from each group only.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>Instructors and participants should wear appropriate footwear</p>	LOW	LOW
Incorrect use of long handled nets	<p>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.</p>	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?**

November 2019    Chief Instructor