

Risk Assessment

Name of activity/ event/ location	Pond dipping	Date of risk assessment	30/05/2022	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Kerri Jeffrey
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<i>Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.</i>	<i>Young people, Leaders, Visitors?</i>	<i>Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.</i>	<i>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</i>
Appropriate supervision is required at all times	All	YP are advised that wildlife area is out of bounds unless on a supervised activity. Adult ratios out of the meeting place will be carried out.	
Insect bites and stings (from animals and plants)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legs and arms should be covered • Avoid moving through deep vegetation • Brief YP on the potential hazards, particularly from stinging and biting insects, including ticks. Stinging plants and adders (although highly unlikely) • First aid administered where appropriate 	
Working close to deep water – falling into pond - drowning	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only dip from open areas, i.e. a platform • Warn of the dangers of deep water • No running • Demonstrate safe dipping techniques 	
Slippery surfaces – slips, trips and falls	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders to check and where possible remove obstacles • Warn to take care and be aware of others around them • Limit the number of people in the area 	
Pond dipping net and other equipment – injury to eyes (inadvertently poking)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn to take care and be aware of others around them • Limit the number of people in the area 	

Additional information can be found in the Safety Checklist for Leaders and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety

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Pond water – potential infection from disease via open cuts or putting fingers in mouths	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing to include warnings of the dangers of pond water at the start of the activity • Warn not to put fingers in mouth, or eat or drink during the activity • Ensure hands are washed after the activity • Cover all open wounds before the start of the activity 	
<p>Review due: <i>A risk assessment needs reviewing if circumstances change but also schedule regular reviews to ensure they are current, perhaps every 12 months? The review must include a detailed look at each element of the risk assessment in order to establish if any change is required.</i></p>			