

GENERAL HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR:

Bushcraft

PART 1 : ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Section/Establishment Name: Lea Green Centre

Date of Assessment

8/10/13

Date of Issue

1 January 2014

Assessment
carried out by

DS

Signature

Reviews

Review
Date

Reviewed by

Date

Changes
Made

Y

N

Nov/Dec
2021

IW,GN,DH,PV

10/11/21

Y

Nov 22

GN/PV/IW

3/11/22

Y

Nov 23

IW/GN/DH/PV

14/11/23

N

Dec 2024

IW GN

4/12/24

Y

Dec 2019

PV &HM

06/12/19

Y

Dec 2020

ME

24/11/20

Y

Affected persons:

Young People/Clients

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Staff

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Visitors

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Contractor

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Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:	IP
Signature:	

The following sections should be completed by all staff who need to be made aware of and abide by the findings of the Risk Assessment. NB: If, as a result of a review, changes are made to the Risk Assessment the relevant box on the attached page should be completed as appropriate by the staff concerned.

RISK ASSESSMENT

What are the hazards?	Generic Control Measures implemented	✓ X	Person to implement	Additional Control measures needed to reduce risk to an acceptable level	Person to implement	Date to be actioned
Slips trips, falls and tree hazards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All groups to wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Groups briefed on specific hazards. Safety briefing to highlight not climbing trees or other structures 		Instructor leading the session			
Extreme weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account. Activity adapted or abandoned where appropriate. Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored. Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups. Individuals' kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing. Suitable emergency equipment accessible. 			After extreme weather event site checked prior to use. Take special note of wind speeds.		

Safeguarding.

Injury sustained from trees/bushes or collapsing dens.

Plant stings / Insect stings or bites.

Inappropriate behaviour.

Injury sustained lifting heavy objects.

- Group briefing and management.
 - Staff vigilance.
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- Group briefed on moving safely through woods, No running and taking care not to allow branches to flick back into the face of following group members.
 - Structures to be assessed by instructor, dangerously weak ones to be strengthened or dismantled.
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- Instructor awareness of the sites used and briefing given to group if appropriate on how to avoid being stung. When working with nettles appropriate protection to be used during the session.
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- Group briefing and management.
 - Use of ‘Sin Bin’ facility or suspension of activity.
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- Group to be briefed on working together with heavier items or using alternative methods like rolling, assistance given by instructor and or visiting staff if needed.
- “Nothing too heavy too high”

Instructor to be aware of all groups on site during session.

Corden off any areas with known bee/wasp nests

Careful of toes when rolling.
Use thumb and index fingers circle as a guide of maximum thickness for lifting.

<p>Illness/Allergies</p> <p>Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability</p>	<p>supervised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information about existing medical conditions known by staff.• Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area on site and engage with the activity.			<p>Ensure staff or individuals are carrying appropriate inhaler, Adrenalin auto injector etc.</p> <p>A discussion with the participant along with visiting staff/carers should be had to decide on the most appropriate way to access the site. Or whether a more accessible location is used.</p> <p>Additional staff and time may be factored into the session.</p> <p>Handling belts may be used to assist less ambulant users</p> <p>Less mobile visitors may be more sensitive to environmental conditions and need closer supervision</p>		
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