

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
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Assessment carried out by

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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	
Jan 26	PV GN	6/01/26		N
Dec 2020	ME	24/11/20	Y	

Affected persons: Young People/Clients  Staff  Visitors  Contractor  Others (specify)

Name of Manager confirming and agreeing Assessment:

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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
<b>Slips trips, falls and tree hazards.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All groups to wear appropriate footwear and clothing.</li> <li>• Groups briefed on specific hazards.</li> <li>• Safety briefing to highlight not climbing trees or other structures</li> </ul>		Instructor leading the session			
<b>Extreme weather.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather forecast obtained and previous conditions taken into account.</li> <li>• Activity adapted or abandoned where appropriate.</li> <li>• Ongoing risk assessment at start and during activity – weather conditions continually monitored.</li> <li>• Equipment/clothing lists sent to groups.</li> <li>• Individuals' kit checked before session to ensure adequate protective clothing.</li> <li>• Suitable emergency equipment accessible.</li> </ul>			<p>After extreme weather event site checked prior to use. Take special note of wind speeds.</p>		
<b>Safeguarding.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group briefing and management.</li> <li>• Staff vigilance.</li> </ul>			<p>Instructor to be aware of all groups on site during session.</p>		
<b>Injury sustained from trees/bushes or collapsing dens.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>					

<p><b>Plant stings / Insect stings or bites.</b></p> <p><b>Inappropriate behaviour.</b></p> <p><b>Injury sustained lifting heavy objects.</b></p> <p><b>Infections and poisoning.</b></p> <p><b>Burn injuries from fires</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>members.</li> <li>Structures to be assessed by instructor, dangerously weak ones to be strengthened or dismantled.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Group briefing and management.</li> <li>Use of 'Sin Bin' facility or suspension of activity.</li> <li>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.</li> <p>“Nothing too heavy too high”</p> <li>No plants, Berries or fungi to be eaten.</li> <li>Group to be briefed on safe lighting and management of fires.</li> <li>A limit on the number of fires, ideally one main fire managed by the instructor and then small fire lighting sessions involving students.</li> <li>No running near fires and no pushing rules enforced.</li> <li>Long hair and loose clothing to be</li> </ul>		<p><b>Cordon off any areas with known bee/wasp nests</b></p> <p>Careful of toes when rolling. Use thumb and index fingers circle as a guide of maximum thickness for lifting.</p> <p>Water to be on-hand when fires are lit</p>	
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<b>Burn injuries from friction fire lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>secured.</li> <li>Fires to be extinguished by staff only and sites to be doused with water.</li> <li>If cooking food, clear instructions to be given on safe distance to be kept from fire, sitting / kneeling near fires (ie; not standing) and safe use of skewers for toasting marshmallows, allow cooked food to cool before eating and do not wave lit marshmallows around but instead blow them out.</li> <li>Any stick which is poked in the fire then stays in the fire.</li> <li>For Handwashing, any alcohol spray that is used should be away from the fire and hands should be dry before returning near the fire.</li> <li>Group to be briefed about hot components and then closely supervised</li> </ul>			
<b>Illness/Allergies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about existing medical conditions known by staff.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Ensure staff or individuals are carrying appropriate inhaler, Adrenalin auto injector etc.</b></p>	
<b>Additional potential hazards associated with a person's disability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional measures may need to be taken to enable visitors with a disability to access the area on site and engage with the activity.</li> </ul>		<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>	