



The Ernest Cook Trust – Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership – Activity Risk Assessment



Site Woodlands				Compiled by and date:	AC 25/07/18	Checked by:	SD 19/11/19	
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Who is at risk?	Pupils? Y	Visitors? Y	Staff? Y	Other risk assessments relevant	Arts and craft RA, Forest school and Bush craft RA, Little saplings RA, Practical conservation, school field trips RA,			
Hazard			Risk Rating		Control measure		Residual Risk	
			Likelihood	Severity			Likelihood	Severity
Injury from falling branches/trees.			M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep groups away from woods during high winds. Trees checked for damage by landowners and leaders after high winds. Group briefed at the beginning of the session to make aware of the risks from low branches. 		L	H
Injury to eyes or face from whipping branches.			M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice members of group to hold branches back for others and to be aware of branches springing back. 		L	M
Injury from sticks or stones.			M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't pick up sticks unless their instructor allows them to do so for a specific activity. Instruct group not to carry sticks or throw stones. 		L	M
Infections via hand and mouth.			M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands away from face and wash before eating. Any wounds to be covered with a plaster. 		L	M
Poisoning by berries and fungi.			M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct groups not to touch or eat anything from the wild unless instructed by a leader. Wash hands before meals. Group made aware of the presence of plants with prickles, thorns or stings and instructed not to pick any plant without specific permission. 		L	H
Falling into water			M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group members to be warned about the slippery slopes. Avoid the steep stream banks when in flood conditions. 		L	H
Falling from trees.			M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct group not to climb trees, unless instructed. Warn group not to go out of sight of adults when walking through the woods. 		L	H



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Cuts from brambles / stings from nettles	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of scratches and stings should be explained when appropriate. First Aid kit carried by instructor and personal meds carried by group leaders. 	L	L
Slippery slopes / mud / fallen leaves / rabbit holes	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn the group about the potential for slip hazards as they are encountered. Walking speed should be controlled by the leader. 	L	M
Tripping over roots & fallen branches	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn the group about potential for trips. Inform leader if fall and have cuts 	L	M
Barbed wire fencing	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make groups aware of barbwire, and to avoid touching or reaching for fences if they slip. 	L	M
Anaphylactic reaction from insect stings (wasps, bees in particular) and nuts	L	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep away from known or visible hives and nests - divert from route if necessary. Children with known allergies must not touch nuts/insects etc. Epipens must be carried if anyone (child or adult) has one prescribed. 	L	H
Ticks	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any person with a tick bite should be made aware of the possibility of Lyme Disease and should seek medical advice on both tick removal and after effects. 	M	L