Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	**232nd Birmingham Scout Group Summer Camp Blackwell Adventure 12th – 14th June 2026**	**Date of risk assessment**	**2nd June 2026**	**Name of person doing this risk assessment**	**Rachel Laws**
		Date of next review	**Ongoing and when a significant change occurs**		

What hazard have you identified? What are the 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?
Site features – Risk of injuries from: Natural features Plant & equipment	All present	Check out the access to site, the boundaries and any features that may present a risk – for example: activity areas, rock edges, rivers, ponds/lakes. Be aware of maintenance areas, machinery etc. and warn young people. Be clear on arrival if any areas are out of bounds to campers when unsupervised Ensure appropriate footwear is always worn. Avoid bare feet.	
Water & Waste – Infection & vermin	All present	System in place for the disposal of food waste, bins not allowed to overflow. Kitchen bins emptied regularly and placed in main site bins.	
Toilets & showers - Safeguarding issues, Waterborne disease	Young people and leaders	Ensure toilet facilities provide appropriate use by dividing sexes and adults/young people as much as possible. Provide appropriate disposal for feminine hygiene products. Ensure site are adequately managing for the risk of Legionella.	
Vehicles & people Risk of collision & injury	All present	Restrict vehicle access to pedestrian areas as much as possible – vehicles to stick to site speed of 5mph. Parents to use main car park - carry kit to camping area. Parents must not drive around site. Make more than one trip if needed.	

Heavy loads and items - Back or other injuries to adults and YP	All present	Get kit as close to destination by vehicle, if possible – preferably before the young people arrive. Split loads down to smaller bits if possible. Supervise young people carrying bigger items – use a trolley if available. Remind people how to lift and carry safely. All lifting and dropping of heavy tents and other items to be supervised by adults	
Tentage, guy lines, trip hazards, Items stored at low level – Tripping on guy lines and tent pegs, boxes, natural items	Young people and leaders	Instruct and enforce "No running" rules around tents and inside mess tents / marquees. Choose play areas clear of obstructions, sharp items, rabbit holes, rocks, logs etc or remove obstructions. Mark any obstacles so clearly visible. Keep away from thistles / stinging nettles / barbed fence wire / ponds. Keep young people out of ditches etc if unsupervised.	

Mallets striking Tent pegs – Slippage of mallet Struck by mallet	All present	Adults to supervise activity and to check mallets are in good condition and not loose or split. Instruction on how to correctly put pegs in. Check tent pegs are suitable size and condition for the tent guy. Ensure other young people are standing safely away.	
Sleeping facilities - Safeguarding issues	Young people and leaders	Ensure sleeping facilities provide appropriate division of adults and YP. Discuss sleeping arrangements for young people with young people and parents to ensure everyone is happy with plans. Brief and monitor behaviour with bunkbeds, and take care of edges (e.g. tables, storage units) Ensure young people can safely enter and exit their rooms / tents without causing harm.	
Food – Food poisoning	Young people and leaders	Menu planned. Ensure correct storage of food, follow HQ guidance on Food Safety All to clean hands thoroughly before and after food preparing and before consuming food.	
Tables – Risk of collapse during cooking and activity	All present	Check tables are properly and safely put up, eg: legs locked, trestles stable, put small table feet on boards if used on grass, ensure level and stable.	

LPG gas bottles Gas hoses and cooking equipment Leakage of gas, fire and Carbon monoxide **Cooking –** hot surfaces Hot liquids, Cooking fats Risk of fire Burns **Using Open Fires** – Risk of burns from mistakes or misuse. Starting fires - creating sparks	Young people and leaders	Hoses and regulators checked for good condition and hoses are in date – before camp and by leaders during camp. Hoses secured to kit by hose clips. Always use gas stoves or lamps in well ventilated areas, outdoors if possible. LPG cylinders positioned outside tents and doors open during use for good ventilation. Use of carbon monoxide monitor. Fire extinguisher / fire blanket / fire bucket positioned outside tent near to cook area Fire Alarm & evacuation Procedure set up for the whole camp Check HQ guidance on Safe use of Gas Gas cooking and lighting equipment to be used in controlled areas. No liquid fuel light systems in use. (eg Hurricane lamps) Battery torches only in sleeping tents. No smoking or cooking in sleeping tents	
	Young people and leaders	No young people to enter kitchen unless instructed to and supervised. Maintain good ventilation. Keep cooking area clear of obstructions. First aid kit in camp –call First Aid leader if required.	
	All present	Restrict access by using in a defined area. Leaders to supervise young people when they're using hot items. Consider appropriate Group size. Keep area around the fire free of trip hazards Keep woodpile well away from the fire - at least 2 metres Brief young people on safe use of cooking equipment or fire before use and on the possible dangers of fire lighting.	

		Have rules for fire lighting including – for example: no picking up burning wood; no throwing objects onto the fire; hold wood at one end and lower onto the fire with your fingers near the ground. No removing wood from the fire once it has been put on. To start a fire only use kindling or bought fire lighters. Do NOT use accelerants on the fire (any substance or mixture that accelerates or speeds the development and escalation of fire) – such as petrol, lighter fuel and other spirits. Avoid loose clothing around fires – watch out for open coats, sleeves and scarves. Tuck them in and keep coats, hoodies fastened. Tie back loose hair. Do not reach over fires or flames. Do not allow fires to become too large for the location/ activity Make sure there is an appropriate first aid kit available and that leader training is up to date. Make sure that cold water is available nearby – there should be at least a bucket, running water is best if possible.	
Bugs & Dirt – Dirty utensils Hygiene Food poisoning	All present	Leaders ensure good hygiene standards and brief YP on the importance of maintaining throughout camp (identifying specific risks for the location, for example ticks). Wash hands after going to loo and all field activities and before eating. Hand washing area set up and regularly maintained by leader team. Make sure to use clean cooking / eating utensils.	
Axe and saw – risk of injury to non-participants or observers and those undertaking the task.	All present	Create a safe cutting area (check guidance for safe size and distances). Ensure all equipment is kept secure when not in use and supervise when being used. Ensure suitable competence for those using the equipment. Ppropriate protective equipment worn. All adults to follow guidelines for safe use.	
Behaviour – risk of overexcitement, especially at the start of camp.	All present	Follow the section code of conduct that sets clear expectations of behaviour. Leaders be aware and manage group behaviour Free time (unstructured activity) should be managed and have some level of supervision as, lack of it, is a frequent cause of incidents.	
Appropriate adults – Injuries from poor management of camp, activities and facilities	All adults	Ensure all leaders and adult helpers have completed appropriate personal enquiry checks. Event run by a leader with correct Nights Away Permit. Appropriate adult: child ratios are in place. Nights Away risk assessment logged with DC. Make sure adequate rest time is built in for leaders, with a 'peaceful space' away from the general hubbub.	

Activities	All present	Risk assessments produced for any specific activities being organised by leader team. Check the suitability of activities for those taking part – including age appropriate. Free time and unstructured activities - have a suitable plan for supervision.	
Incidents –	All present	Suitable first aid cover is in place. Details of emergency department of hospital and local doctors. Ensure robust InTouch process is in place	

Risk of prolonged/increased injuries from lack of management		Medication to be stored securely and leaders to supervise schedule of taking medicines Be aware of additional environmental hazards such as heatstroke, sunburn, ticks and other insects and animals	
Electrocution	All present	All plugs to be switched off when not in use. All mains equipment to be PAT tested annually. Electrical work will be undertaken by suitably qualified contractor. All young people to be supervised when using electrical equipment.	
Lost children due to inadequate handover from parents/carers	Young People	Designated leaders for each section manage the handover of young people from parents/carers onto the camp – double check that we are holding correct emergency contact information at the same time.	
Injuries / lost children resulting from inadequate supervision.	Young People	Supervision plan in place managed by the Camp Leader – designated leaders assigned to specific groups to manage supervision and carry out regular headcounts. Maintain ratios.	
Children separated from their groups	Young People	Larger groups split into smaller groups by each section leader, with a leader responsible for designated number of children who will undertake regular headcounts. Always maintain ratios. Wristbands with InTouch mobile number worn by each child. Designated meeting place arranged and briefed to all participants.	
Hot weather / heat exhaustion / sun burns	All	Remind and ensure all participants do the following; Seek shade whenever possible Wear sun hats Apply sun cream and reapply every 2-3 hours Keep hydrated - refill water bottles regularly and encourage YP to drink throughout the day	Monitor YP for signs of heat exhaustion.

Backwoods Cooking			
Age suitability/Skill level		**Ensure the skill level needed for cooking is appropriate for the section range.** **Ensure utensils are appropriate for the age range (no sharp knives needed for Squirrels and Beavers)** **Ensure enough leaders available to help for younger sections**	
Cooking on a open Fire. Risk of Burns, Clothes / Equipment Catching Fire.	**All**	**Ensure fires are located at appropriate / designated areas away from flammable materials.** **To ensure appropriate clothing is worn in particular no loose items that may fall into the fire.** **Ensure fires are supervised at all times by a leader. Only appropriate fuel sources / natural woods to be used on the fire.** **Trained first aider to be available at all times and appropriate first aid kit readily available to deal with burns.** **To ensure all young people are briefed on fire safety and supervised whist undertaking cooking activities on an open fire.** **To ensure all fires are fully distinguished after use. To have water available to douse / control fires and to deal with burns.** **To ensure all young people if supporting or undertaking the fire lighting process are supervised by a leader, and are aware of how to start a fire safely, and which materials / kindling to use.**	
Fire – Risk of uncontrolled spread of fire	**All**	**Leaders should make sure water to douse fire is always on hand.** **Ensure fire is not near flammable objects (tents, fuel source etc)**	
Food Allergies - Risk of ill health / sickness	**All**	**To ensure all leaders and young people have declared any food allergies.** **To ensure food is stored appropriately and kept away from people with allergies.** **Avoid cross contamination through careful use of food and use separate equipment where necessary.** **Check ingredients where appropriate.**	

Food Poisoning	**All**	**Brief everyone and practice appropriate food hygiene rules (washing hands etc) Avoid using raw meat (not planned for the activity) When preparing food whether indoors or outdoors make sure any surfaces such as counters and boards are sufficiently sanitised with antibacterial spray. All food should be appropriately stored and sealed.**	
Hot Equipment and risk of burns	**All**	**Hot surfaces and equipment identified during the cooking process, such as pans and cooking tongs . Cooking equipment should be in good condition and regularly checked. Appropriate supervision and the use of protective equipment eg; gloves and aprons where applicable. To be aware of spitting when cooking particularly with frying pans and hot oil. To apply appropriate temperature controls and use protective equipment. First aid kit readily available to deal with burn**	
Pollutants from wood – Risk of ill health to participants.	**All**	**Only use natural wood for cooking. Leaders should check the wood available to ensure its appropriate and safe to use for outdoor cooking.**	
Rough wood – risk of splinters or blisters from handling.	**All**	**Leaders should tell everyone to take care when gathering wood for fires. Check the wood is appropriate and doesn't contain nails or other objects that could cause harm. Care should be taken when cutting or snapping wood. Gloves can be worn to minimise risk.**	
Sharp Knives - Risk of cuts	**All Present**	**Make sure all young people are briefed on the correct use of knives, and are supervised during the food preparation and cooking process. Ensure appropriate knifes are used depending on the type of food that requires chopping or preparing. Ensure food preparation and the use of knives is carried on an appropriate and stable service to avoid slips / accidents with knives. Ensure first aid kit is available with appropriate equipment to deal with cuts.**	
Soft Archery			
Overshot arrows / bruising / eye injury	**All Present**	**Barriers to be used. Set up firing range towards one end of hall, no one to pass barrier until firing is over and clearance given.**	
Arrow collection / bruising / eye injury	**All Present**	**No running in the firing range/arrow collection area Ensure everyone has finished firing before collection Any gunshot arrows to be taken downrange while collecting**	

Bow string abrasion	All Present	Long hair to be tied back Loose clothing tucked away Neckers removed while shooting	
Stray arrows/ bruising/eye injury	All Present	Give clear demonstration and instructions	
Incorrect technique - sprains, strains, grazes	All Present	Give clear demonstration and instructions	Ongoing monitoring and advice given to aide
Faulty equipment	All Present	All equipment to be inspected before use	
Stray arrows / bruising / eye injury	All Present	Arrows must always be pointed towards the target Firing range to be set up in a direction pointing away from spectators	
Unsupervised access	Young People	Leaders to supervise at all times ensuring no unsupervised use. Arrows removed when not in use	
Wide Games			
Ball Games - Collision	All Present	When playing games which involve using balls then rules will be explained before game commences. All balls to be kept below waist level and adults present to supervise and remind young people where necessary	
Behaviour: overexcitement and not following rules or instructions could lead to accidents.	All Present	Explain the rules clearly at the start of the game/free play. Monitor the mood level throughout. Use a clear communication to stop the game – everyone should stop as soon as they see a leader with their hand up, hear two blasts on the whistle or anyone shouting stop. Have a clear location for those not participating in the game/free play on the play equipment. Have at least one leader present during play.	
Collisions with humans or objects whilst running	All Present	Night time games involving running shall be in an open field only (not woodland). If areas are built up with hedges, trees etc then the game being played should suit its surrounding Young People will be advised only to run if they can see - using ambient light levels or a torch, using red light where possible to maintain their own night vision Adequate adult leaders present to keep game running smoothly	

Floor: slips, trips, and falls.	All Present	If indoor, check that the play area is clear of small objects, particles, and spills that could increase risk of tripping or slipping or cause injury if someone falls on them. Make sure that players are wearing appropriate footwear and it's secured to their feet (check laces are tied and so on). If outdoor, dynamic risk assess for objects that may cause harm. If there are trip hazards present, instruct YP to walk rather than run. YP to be supervised by a leader(s) on play equipment.	
Other players: collisions, tripping up, grabbing others or their clothing.	All Present	Make sure that the rules of any games restrict or prohibit contact. Consider how many people are playing (the more players, the higher the risk of serious injury). OR Consider the difference in size between players (the greater the range, the higher the risk of serious injury). Supervise and monitor behaviour.	
Playing in the Dark	All Present	Torches to be used in the dark. Games that involve running to be played in open areas to avoid hazards such as trees. If games involve moving around in woods or shrub/hedged areas then caution to be taken to not run through these areas	
Age/ability appropriate	Young People	Ensure wide games are suited to the age, size and ability of young people	
Nature Walk Around Site			
Risk of getting lost	All Present	All groups to stay on site. Young people to stay with their sections and section leaders. Have a central point for lost people to go to (back to the hut) Leaders are familiar with the site/can see a map if not (it's a small site) Ensure headcount are done throughout	
Risk of injury due to slips, trips and/or falls	All Present	Ensure suitable footwear worn. Ensure route is suitable for walking (stick to paths etc) Ensure first aid kit taken (all leaders are first aid trained)	
Risk of injury due to traffic on route	All Present	Staying on site ensures limited traffic, but ensure to be on watch for cars coming/going on site and to keep young people out of the way when needed.	

Risk of injury or illness due to weather conditions	All Present	Check weather forecasts and adapt appropriately. If wet - ensure appropriate waterproof gear is used and appropriate footwear. If hot ensure everyone has a full water bottle and encourage to drink. Have sun cream on hand and permission for young people to use it (this is in the sign up forms) Adapt/shorten route if needed	
Risk of getting bit/injured by wildlife	All Present	Ensure wildlife is watched but not handled Avoid walking through foliage/long grass to reduce risk of parasites (ticks etc)	
Craft			
Craft: Appropriate Equipment	Young People	Ensure the equipment being used is appropriate for the intended purpose Ensure that the equipment is in good condition and is not broken or potentially dangerous. Ensure that all adults and young people are advised on how to safely use the piece of equipment. Younger section members should be supervised when using the equipment if necessary to ensure safety. If the equipment is not age appropriate then do not allow the Squirrels/Beavers to use it, they may observe a leader from a safe distance whilst being supervised. If the equipment is a higher risk, is there a safer alternative to consider?	
Glue, Glitter or Paint Ingestion	Young People	Where possible use non-toxic, non-hazardous materials. Direct supervision maintained throughout the activity for younger members Remind Squirrels not to put the materials near their mouths Washing hands thoroughly after the activity. Leaders' First Aid training up to date and First Aid kit available and fully stocked. Parents advised of any noticed ingestion.	
Craft: Glues/Solvents (Inhalation or Misuse/Mistake Injuries)	Young People	Only safe glue and tape to be used - glue sticks and sellotape	

Materials on the Floor (Trip, Slips and Falls)	**Young People**	**Young people encouraged to keep their area tidy and to pick up anything they drop straight away.** **If materials are spotted on the floor, the nearest person should pick them up.** **Direct supervision throughout the activity for younger sections** **Young people reminded not to run throughout the activity.**	
Misuse of equipment (pencils, markers, scissors etc)	**Young People**	**Supervision to make sure proper use of equipment.** **Ensure young people briefed of proper care/use.** **Ensure equipment is transported correctly (no running with scissors, sharp pencils etc)** **Use of age appropriate scissors**	
Pioneering			
Nature of terrain, slips, trips, and falls – personal injuries, sprains, and strains.	All participants	Choose an area with suitable terrain for the build and check for natural hazards in the build area. Activity to be undertaken during daylight hours only All participants to be checked for suitable footwear and attire for nature of activity	
Weather – injury from slipping on wet equipment, illness from exposure to extreme conditions, collapse or excess movement of structure due to high winds	All participants Spectators	Leader in charge to check weather forecast before session and during it. Session to be postponed if weather is inappropriate Structure to be left safe and non-accessible (eg-roped off) or taken down if adverse weather prevails Monitor how the weather affects structures, for example, wet ropes causing strectching or tightening.	
Handling equipment – injurys including sprains and muscle strains Splinters and blisters	All Participants	YP and adult helpers briefed and assessed on safe techniques Lifting and Carrying | Scouts Plan the structure before you start building. Follow the plan. Check that the project you're planning and the type of equipment you'll use are appropriate for the age of the young people. Continue to monitor YP throughout activity to ensure appropriate techniques are used Make PPE available if the activity leader thinks it's necessary. Using thick gloves while handling poles is good practice.	
Construction and dismantling –fingers, feet, or other body parts trapped between or under poles. **Pioneering equipment, using tools, natural materials, ropes** – personal injuries, rope burns,	All Participants	Leader in charge to be competent and experienced or to appoint a suitable person to take the lead. Give all participants appropriate training, practice knots and lashes beforehand Give everyone participating in the activity a safety briefing. Supervise and monitor skills of young people at all times. Do not ask individual YP to do tasks they are not yet capable of.	

cuts, bruises, abrasions, puncture wounds, eye damage.		Work in small teams to enable skills sharing Consider participants' individual needs and any reasonable adjustments you may need to make. Check equipment before use. Reject and report any damaged or faulty equipment.	
Structures collapsing – crush injuries, lacerations, and fractures. **Impact with pioneering equipment** – crush injuries, lacerations, and fractures.	All Participants Spectators	Closely supervise structures while they're being constructed and dismantled. Appoint an adult as observer. Supervise young people and check they're using the correct knots and lashings. Limit the load you put on the structure. Access to a climbing structure to be supervised at all times by a competent person. Undo the main supports last when you're dismantling a structure.	
Fall from height – personal injuries, lacerations, and fractures.		Fully brief all participants who will be above one meter off the ground. Use spotters when participants are off the ground. Structure to be regularly checked for continued integrity	
Incidents – exacerbation of injury or increased danger due to poor response		Make sure a qualified first aider is present throughout the activity. Make sure a first aid kit is on site during the activity. Adult helpers to be briefed on correct response to emergency/ first aid situations. Purple cards to hand Have an emergency signal (eg 3 whistle blasts) to indicate need to clear structure	
Water play and bubble wands			
Impact injuries from equipment - Injuries from swinging or equipment	All	Provide a briefing in advance for the safe usage of equipment Monitor participants to prevent swinging or throwing equipment. Ensure that the area where activities take place is clear of hazards.	**Weather, ongoing supervision**
Getting bubbles in eyes - eye irritation	All	Ensure adequate supervision during use of bubbles and remind children to be cautious of getting the mix in their eyes.	
Ingestion of bubble mixture	YP	Ensure adequate supervision when using bubbles. Use a child-safe bubble mixture. In the event of ingestion, ensure the child spits out any in their mouth and washes their mouth out with water. Alert parents as soon as possible.	
Over-excitement - unsafe behaviour	YP	Remind children of expected behaviours and the risks of not adhering to them. If children become over-excited and unsafe, stop the activity or remove the child(ren) from the activity.	
Skin irritation	All	Ensure children are adequately supervised when using the bubbles, and encourage hand washing after use. Monitor in case of rashes, complaints of itching or pain etc	

Hypothermia during and following the wet activity - cold exposure	All	If weather is deemed too cold, the activity will be cancelled. First Aiders will be present who are trained to spot signs of hypothermia and how to treat it.	
Slips, trips, and falls on wet ground	All	All present (especially the Squirrels) to be briefed on care to be taken when running. Activities to be run on grass away from trees and exposed roots. Leaders to walk and visually scan area to ensure no harmful debris is on the ground.	
Reluctance to join in - Distress; feeling excluded	YP	If any YP does not wish to take part, they can help fill the buckets and engage in non-water-related tasks.	

The next pages are Risk Assessments from Blackwell for their specific activities. They can also be found on their website, located here.

Assessor: Christopher Lloyd Date: 10/12/2025 Activity Bushcraft Location: Blackwell Court	**Persons at risk**			**Risk before control measure**	**Severity before control measure**	**Control Measure**	**Risk After Control Measure**
	Employee	Participant	Public				
Hazards Identified							
Slips, trips and falls	✓	✓		Low	Low	Participants briefed about not running due to safety.	Low
Participants climbing trees		✓		Low	Low	Adult supervision to stop this happening.	Low
Burns	✓	✓		Med	Med	Leader to supervise children when around the fire area.	Low

Inappropriately trained staff	✓	✓		Low	High	This can be a self-led session so the leader in charge needs to be trained. If a Blackwell Instructor is leading it, they will have been trained as competent to lead the activity.	Low
Self-Led Sessions		✓	✓	Low	Medium	Equipment to be signed out and qualifications /experience to be verified. A Conditions of use form is also to be signed by the Bushcraft instructor.	Low
Cuts from tools	✓	✓		Med	Med	Leader to decide whether the tool is appropriate for the group and should be supervised at all times. Gloves are provided when using knives.	Low
Accidental Stabbing (Knives)	✓	✓		Low/Med	High	Blunt tipped safety knives to be used. Knife to be re-sheathed when not in use. Knife users are to be supervised when using knives.	Low
Unauthorised access	✓	✓		Med	Med	Notices are up stating unauthorised unless pre booked.	Low
Faulty apparatus	✓	✓		Low	Med	Regular inspection by staff.	Low
Safeguarding	✓	✓		Low	Low	Instructors aware of safeguarding issues.	Low
Lightening	✓	✓		Low	High	Activity to be stopped in the event of lightening.	Low
Entrapment in saws / knives	✓	✓		Med	Med	Leader to demonstrate safe opening and closing of sharp tools.	Low
Unsupervised equipment	✓	✓	✓	Med	Med	Locking away equipment when not in use. Sign out process for self-led activity.	Low
Loss of equipment	✓	✓	✓	Low	Med	Sign out process for self-led checking of equipment returned. Instructor running session to tidy and check all equipment.	Low
Out of control fire	✓	✓	✓	Med	Med	Fire extinguishers available at site and water taps and buckets close by. Instructor to be aware of all group's fires.	Low
Drop down to the road	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Signage to make users aware and fence in place.	Low
Manual Handling	✓			Low	Low	Instructors trained in proper manual handling techniques	Low
Allergies	✓	✓		Low	High	Instructors to be aware of group needs and to check with the teacher/leader of the group.	Low
Scalding	✓	✓		Low	High	Use the grate for boiling water make group aware of boiling water.	Low

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Assessor : Christopher Lloyd **Date : 10/12/2025** **Activity : Campfire**	**Persons at risk**	**Risk before control measure**	**Severity before control measure**	**Control Measure**	**Risk After Control Measure**

Location : Blackwell Court	Employee	Participant	Public				
Hazards Identified							
Lightening	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Activity to be stopped in the event of lightening.	Low
Slips, trips and falls	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium	Participants briefed not to run around whilst around the area.	Low
Burns	✓	✓		Medium	Medium	Instructor to warn groups of the dangers of fire and to control when they standup/move around/approach the fire.	Low
Singed hair	✓	✓		Medium	Medium	All hair to be tied back.	Low
Roasting Marshmallows	✓	✓		Medium	Medium	Instructor to inform group of correct method to roasting marshmallows. Smaller groups to approach the fire when instructed and supervised at all times.	Low
Walking in the dark	✓	✓		Low	Low	Group advised to carry a torch.	Low
Fire out of control.	✓	✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Instructors trained not to make fire to big. Fire extinguisher or water to be easily available.	Low
Wind direction	✓	✓		Low	Medium	Group to be moved if wind is heavy	Low

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	Employee	Participant	Public				
Hazards Identified							
Slips, trips and falls	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low	Participants briefed on the safety of using the grass sleds and surrounding area.	Low
Faulty apparatus	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Regular inspection by staff and maintenance completed if required.	Low

Unauthorised access		✓	✓	Medium	High	Information boards at the sledging hill give detailed information.	Low
Collision with other users		✓		Low	Low	Participants briefed at start of session about correct use of sleds and conditions of use form is filled in and signed to check understanding.	Low
Entrapment		✓		Medium	High	Participants informed of entrapment issues and advised correct sledging procedure.	Low
Self-led sessions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Information given at start of session and enforced by the information board at the top of the hill. Conditions of use form filled out and signed by an adult with the group.	Low
Weather conditions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Participants made aware at the start of a session that weather can affect the session.	Low
Participants being hit by users of the Zip Wire		✓	✓	Medium	Low	Instructor on zip wire and supervisor of sledging to stay vigilant. Participants briefed to return up on the side of the hill. The zip, is higher than the sled participants.	Low
Falling off or out of a sled		✓		Medium	Medium	Participants briefed before session starts and information given on the conditions of use board.	Low
Pulling sleds up the hill		✓	✓	Low	Low	Participants told to use basic manual handling and pull sled using cord.	Low
Incorrectly fitted helmet		✓		Low	High	Supervisor to check helmets are fitted correctly prior to anyone sledging.	Low
Drain In Field		✓		Low	Medium	Drain has been dropped and covered and launch point of sleds moved across hill.	Low
Being hit by other sled users		✓		Low	Medium	After going down on sled participants must walk to the side and only 1 sled at a time.	Low

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Assessor: Christopher Lloyd **Date: 10/12/2025** **Activity: Orienteering – all courses** **Location: Blackwell Court**	**Persons at risk**			**Risk before control measure**	**Severity before control measure**	**Control Measure**	**Risk After Control Measure**
	Employee	Participant	Public				
Hazards Identified							
Lightening	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Activity to be stopped in the event of lightening.	Low
Slips, trips and falls	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low	Participants briefed on the terrain.	Low
Self-led sessions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Information given at start of session.	Low
Weather conditions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Participants made aware at the start of a session that weather can affect the session.	Low
Getting Lost		✓		High	Low	Participants informed to the location of a member of staff and what to do if they get lost.	Low
Injury of party member		✓		Medium	Low	Participants informed of staying in smaller groups in case of accident and where to go for help.	Low
Undesirable members of the public		✓	✓	Low	High	Group informed of stranger danger and staying together.	Low
Vehicles		✓		Low	High	Roads are marked on maps and signage on roads advising to drive slowly due to children on site.	Low

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Assessor : Christopher Lloyd **Date : 10/12/2025** **Activity :Pedal Karts** **Location : Blackwell Court**	**Persons at risk**			**Risk before control measure**	**Severity before control measure**	**Control Measure**	**Risk After Control Measure**
	Employee	Participant	Public				
Hazards Identified							
Lightening	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Activity to be stopped in the event of lightening.	Low

Slips, trips and falls	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low	Participants briefed on the safety of using the pedal karts and surrounding area.	Low
Faulty apparatus	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Regular inspection by staff and maintenance completed if required.	Low
Unauthorised access		✓	✓	Medium	High	Karts locked away and track gate locked when not in use. Signage for prevention.	Low
Collision with other users		✓		Low	Low	Participants briefed at start of session about correct use of pedal karts and conditions of use form filled in and signed by an adult.	Low
Entrapment		✓		Medium	High	Participants informed of entrapment issues and advised correct pedal karting procedure.	Low
Self led sessions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Information given at start of session and. Conditions of use form filled out and signed by an adult with the group.	Low
Weather conditions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Participants made aware at the start of a session that weather can affect the session.	Low
Falling off a kart		✓		Medium	Medium	Participants briefed before session starts and information given on the conditions of use form.	Low
Karts hitting observers		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Supervisor to stay vigilant to surroundings.	Low
Incorrectly fitted helmet		✓		Low	High	Supervisor to check helmets are fitted correctly prior to anyone Karting.	Low
Being pushed when struggling		✓		Medium	Medium	Participants not to be pushed.	Low

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Blackwell Adventure Risk Assessments

Assessor: Christopher Lloyd **Date: 10/12/2025** **Activity: Team Challenges** consisting of … Aquaduct Balance Beam Bomb Disposal Ferr Crossing Hard as Nails Hover Board Matrix Scales Team Ski Towers of Hanoi Various mobile team activities **Location: Blackwell Court**	**Persons at risk**			**Risk before control measure**	**Severity before control measure**	**Control Measure**	**Risk After Control Measure**
	Employee	Participant	Public				
Hazards Identified							
Lightening	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Activity to be stopped in the event of lightening.	Low
Falling objects	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low	Participants asked to remove object from pockets and ensure shoes are fastened prior to participating. All apparatus checked in line with inspections procedure.	Low
Slips, trips and falls	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low	Participants briefed not to run around whilst around the area and that the elements are slippy when wet.	Low
Incorrectly fitted helmet		✓		Low	High	Instructors to check helmets are fitted correctly prior to anyone leaving the ground.	Low
Hair, clothing or jewellery trapped in equipment	✓	✓		Low	Medium	Participants briefed to tie hair back and remove any objects / jewellery that could become trapped	Low
Faulty apparatus	✓	✓	✓	Low	High	Regular inspection by trained staff and maintenance completed if required.	Low
Unauthorised access		✓	✓	Medium	High	No entry signage is in place reiterating keep off, helmets are not kept at the activity.	Low
Injury due to exposed edges	✓	✓		Medium	Medium	Regular inspection by trained staff and identified problems covered.	Low
Self-led sessions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Briefing given at start of session and helmets issued.	Low
Weather conditions		✓	✓	Medium	Medium	Participants made aware at the start of a session that weather can affect the obstacles. They can become slippy so extra care is needed.	Low
Manual Handling	✓	✓		Low	Low	Instructor to ensure where needed there are appropriate amounts of people lifting heavy objects.	Low
Water Rockets	✓	✓		Low	Medium	Group control to be maintained when shooting the rockets to avoid being hit.	Low

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