

Risk Assessments – Site specific

SERVICE AREA / TEAM	Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre
ACTIVITY / TASK	Site Specific Risk Assessment for sites used by Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre
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Everdon Stubbs / Mantles Heath / Foxhill Farm – refer also to the activities risk assessment

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you doing already?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Litter, various sorts	Students Visiting Staff Rangers <i>Cuts and diseases from contact with litter.</i>	Students given clear instructions not to pick up litter especially hypodermics, condoms, etc Rangers clear immediate danger for students. Woodland Trust to be informed if problem is larger than Ranger can deal with.				
Berries, fungi, etc	Students Visiting Staff Rangers <i>Poisoning / allergic reaction</i>	Students told not to handle or eat Hand wipes carried on activities. Wash hands upon return to the Centre				
Rope Swings put up by members of the public	Students Visiting Staff Rangers <i>Being hit by swing falling from swing</i>	Clear instructions not to use. Close monitoring of students Woodland Trust informed for removal if necessary.				
Lost Children	Students <i>Distress Abduction Injury</i>	Students to work in defined areas under direct adult supervision. Regular headcounts of whole group or sub-group as appropriate. Rangers follow Incident Procedure if child reported missing.				

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Strangers intent on harm	Students Visiting Staff Rangers <i>Injury to group</i> <i>Abduction</i>	Students work under direct adult supervision. Regular headcount. Rangers follow Incident Procedure if problem occurs.				
Animal faeces	Students <i>Infection / Diseases</i>	Students told not to handle. If appropriate, rubber gloves to be used. Antiseptic wipes carried by staff in first aid kit. Hands to be washed on return to centre.				
Horses	Students Visiting Staff Rangers Horse Riders <i>Member of group struck by horse.</i> <i>Rider unseated</i>	Instructions given about importance of moving to one side, no sudden noise and movement. Students supervised by school staff.				
Bracken	Students Visiting staff Rangers <i>Cuts</i> <i>Ticks – Lyme disease</i>	If handling Bracken, use gloves. The stalks are capable of inflicting sharp cuts to hands. Students briefed and supplied with PPE Gloves when shelter building. Schools sent information sheet advising of risks and symptoms				

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Slips, trips and falls during tracking and sensory games	Students Visiting Staff Rangers <i>Injuries to feet / legs</i>	Briefing regarding safe movement. Work in pairs (blind/spotter). Sites chosen to be free of trip hazard as far as practicable				
Falling tree debris	Students Visiting Staff Rangers <i>Head injuries Crushing debris in eyes</i>	In periods following major storms there are large amounts of debris 'hung up' in trees. Pick route with care. Walk at front of group following periods of high winds. Do not use woods in periods of high winds. Inspect trees in work areas for signs of decay. Move to new area if suspect				
Sloping hill	Student Staff Rangers <i>Collision with other people, tripping in rabbit holes</i>	Students are briefed to walk around the site. No running down the hill. If rolling is allowed by school then is done under supervision in specified area.				

Snorscombe Stream / Mill Farm / White House Farm – refer also to Activities risk assessment

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Road walking with groups (Day time)	Student Staff Rangers Car drivers <i>Collision with vehicles</i>	Groups walk in single file facing traffic. One leader to walk in front of group and warn of approaching traffic. Group advised to wear high vis jackets Children briefed before setting off and reminded when paths end.				
Farm machinery	Students Staff Rangers <i>Being run over Lacerations</i>	Keep students in group supervised by teachers. Do not let students touch equipment Be prepared to alter route if farm machinery in operation.				
Farm gates	Student Staff Rangers <i>Bruises minor cuts and grazes. Strains and sprains</i>	Do not allow students to climb on gates/fences. Opening of gates often involves lifting – use manual handling techniques				
Infection from pollution	Students Staff Rangers <i>Infectious diseases -</i>	All cuts to be covered with plasters. Rangers briefed on procedures and awareness of different risks.				

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	<i>leptospirosis</i>	Do not drink water Do not put hands in mouth. Wash hands thoroughly after activity				
High water levels / force of water	Students Staff Rangers <i>Drowning</i> <i>Being swept off feet</i>	Inspection of stream prior to use with group as levels vary enormously following rainfall. Use site specific areas where water depth has been assessed by marker pole. Do not use stream if water levels high				
Objects in water	Students Staff Rangers <i>Being struck by debris, cuts</i>	Use site specific locations previously inspected for glass, barbed wire, etc				

Fawsley – refer also to Activities Risk Assessment for walking to site and activities

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Potential Adders nest in wall surrounding church	Students Staff Rangers <i>Snake bites</i>	Brief students on importance keeping away from Ha Ha walls Supervision by school staff				
Barbed wire surrounding Ha Ha	Students Staff Rangers <i>Cuts</i>	Brief students on importance keeping away from Ha Ha walls Supervision by school staff				
Breeding swans	Students Staff Rangers <i>Attack from swans</i>	Staff and students to retreat from swans when aggressive tendencies are shown. This can occur when guarding young and nest.				
Lakes	Student Staff Rangers <i>Drowning / immersion and hypothermia</i>	Orienteering markers set up so they can be observed by member of staff. Orienteering course set up so that lake edge protected by boundary fence. Briefing of students makes clear that there is no need to cross fences/go near water.				

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Dower House	Students <i>Being struck by falling brickwork</i>	At the present time the Dower House is surrounded by a security fence. Ensure students are supervised when near area.				

Newnham Hill - refer also to Activities Risk Assessment for walking to site and activities

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Unsighted areas	Students <i>Trips and slips Barbed wire</i>	Brief students on operation of blind trail and orienteering course. Adult to supervise group and spread out across fields to help in viewing areas.				
Sloping hill	Student Staff Rangers <i>Collision with other people, tripping in rabbit holes</i>	Students are briefed to walk around the site. No running down the hill. If rolling is allowed by school then is done under supervision in specified area.				

Braunston Canal

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Falling into the water	Students Staff Rangers <i>Immersion / drowning</i>	Brief students on expected behaviour. Strict supervision of group on tow paths. Carry throw line. Do not allow students to cross on lock gates.				
Slip between boat and bank	Students Staff Rangers <i>Immersion Crush injury</i>	Do not allow students to get too close to canal edge/boat as slip between two represents a hazard. Do not allow students to operate or climb on canal boats.				

Nearest Hospital A&E (Inc Tel Number): Northampton General Hospital

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Venue OS Grid Reference

Everdon Centre	SP593576
Everdon Stubbs Layby	SP603566
Mantles Heath Layby	SP593553
Badby Woods Layby	SP564589
Badby Woods	SP567584
Fawsley Church	SP565568
Dower House	SP570579
Newnham Green	SP578596
Newnham Hill Layby	SP576608
Fox Hill Farm Forest School Site	SP568610

Mobile Phone Reception (Good/Bad): Good on O2 network.