

## Risk Assessment Form

Whitwell Hall Country Centre  
Date of Assessment: 23/03/2019

Name of Assessor: J. McKean

Description: **Pond Dipping**

Groups use the purpose built wildlife area pond to carry out the pond dipping activity.

Hazards: List significant hazards that may result in serious harm or affect people in the party	Who might be harmed? List groups of people who are especially at risk from the hazards identified.	Is the risk adequately controlled? List existing controls or note where information may be found, e.g., information, instruction, training, systems or procedures.	What further actions are needed to control the risk? List the risks that are not adequately controlled and propose actions that are needed to reduce or eliminate the risks.
<p><b>General: I, II, III, IV</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the nature of the activity there is a risk of falling into the pond.</li>            <li>• Person being hit with pond dipping net.</li> </ul>	<p>Participants and leaders are at risk of the hazards described.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dipping only permitted in visible areas.</li> <li>• Group leader to be aware of participants around pond at all times.</li> <li>• Wildlife area gate locked when pond-dipping activity is finished to prevent unsupervised access.</li> <li>• No person allowed to paddle.</li> <li>• Participant number controlled to minimise crowding and slipperiness.</li> <li>• Instruction to group always includes the rule of being on one knee when dipping the net into the pond</li>   <li>• Leader should make clear to group within instructions that nets are not to be carried over shoulders</li>     <li>• Groups should be made aware that open cuts must be covered and made water proof other wise the individual will not be allowed to participate in activity.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is a risk of water borne disease contraction.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hands washed immediately after activity</li></ul>	
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