

Risk Assessment Form

Whitwell Hall Country Centre

Date of Assessment: 23/03/2019

Name of Assessor: J. McKean

Activity: River Dipping

This activity takes place in the stream at the bottom of the estate and introduces participants to the skills of dipping a river and the inhabitants of the river.

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.
<u>General: I, II, III, IV</u>			
Extreme Weather / Cold Water	All	<p>Consideration of weather forecast and previous weather conditions.</p> <p>Suitable footwear to be worn by all participants.</p>	
Proximity to water	All	<p>Activity carried out in a stretch of water that has easily accessible steps and is of a constant depth of no more than 30cm.</p> <p>Participant number controlled to minimise crowding and slipperiness.</p>	
Danger of falling branches from overhanging trees	All	<p>Surrounding area checked regularly for loose branches by centre staff.</p> <p>Yearly tree inspection carried out by qualified professional.</p>	
Person being hit with river dipping net	All	<p>Leader should make clear to group within instructions that nets are not to be carried over shoulders</p>	
Risk of water borne disease contraction.	All	<p>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.</p> <p>Hands washed immediately after activity</p>	