

Barton Turf Adventure Centre – Risk Assessment

Environmental Activities - General

Responsible Chief Instructor:

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY: All pupil-centred activities on the marsh and similar locations, includes escorted and unescorted marsh-walks and visits.

Frequency: as required

Duration: as required

Significant Hazards	Those at Risk & Level of Risk	Control Measures(CM's):	Additional CM's required? Or Further Action Planned	Residual Rating
General – Risk accidents are not managed	Any involved in accidents (Medium)	Warning not to go onto marshland without permission nor to go without telling a responsible person. Instruction to report to responsible person on return. Groups should stay together. Count children before entering and after returning! Walk leaders should carry first aid kits. Walk leader (or individuals walking) should carry radios or mobile phones		Very Low
Trips, slips and falls	Any (Medium)	Verbal warning before entering marshland Prohibition of running (it frightens the wildlife anyway)	Paths to be cut regularly during growing season	Low
Falling into water	Any especially children (Medium)	Dykes are not deep. Warning to stay on paths and boardwalks unless instructed otherwise, and not to try to cross dykes Supervision of children Warning to take care crossing bridges without handrails		Very Low

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Scratches, and stings – from plants - bites and stings from insects etc	Any (Medium) Any (Medium)	Verbal warning before going on marsh Instruction to wear appropriate clothing, insect repellent etc Instruction NOT to interfere with wasp nests.	Paths to be cut regularly during growing season to suppress nettles. Brambles encroaching on paths to be trimmed. Any wasp nests found to be marked.	V Low
Barbed wire	Any who walk into it (High)	Barbed wire is not currently used within the site. Verbal warning of any used on the site boundaries whether installed by BTAC or by neighbours.	Any old wire found to be removed	V Low
Lifting and overturning logs etc	Visitors incl children (Medium)	Verbal warning of risks Supervision of children Guidance on correct methods		Low
Dangerous and obstructive trees	Any who may walk into them or climb upon them (Medium – High)	Verbal guidance to avoid injury Prohibition of tree climbing Branches fallen across paths to be removed	Hung-up trees in accessible areas to be felled.	Low
Poisonous plants	Any who may eat them (High)	Warning not to cut or pick or eat <i>any</i> plants found on the site Instruction to wash hands after activities and before consuming food. Prohibition on eating during activities		Low

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Animals wild or domestic – may bite kick or otherwise defend themselves.	Any who they perceive to be a threat. (Medium)	Verbal warning not to touch or otherwise interfere with birds or animals, not to attempt to stroke livestock, stray dogs, etc Nesting areas (e.g. swans) to be fenced off (hazard tape) and signs erected if possible Any livestock to be kept within fenced-off areas Staff and visitors dogs to be kept on leads or under close control All injuries to be reported to person in charge for assessment/treatment.		V Low
Electric fences	Any who touch them (Medium)	Not currently used on the site.		V Low
Viewing platform and bird hide -	Any entering or climbing upon them (Low)	Limitation of numbers in either structure Warning of potential of trips and wasp nests	Viewing platform steps non-slip to be maintained.	V Low
Weather turning bad	Any (Medium)	Instruction to wear appropriate clothing Return to base during prolonged or heavy showers Return to base leaving tools and equipment during thunderstorms		V Low

REVIEWS:

Date of review:	Reviewed by:	Comments:
May 2018	S Fishwick	No changes