



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

Pond Dipping Risk Assessment (please also read Generic Site RA)

Activity: POND DIPPING		Reviewed By: Barry Goswell					Updated: Apr 2023		
Reviewed if methods change and/or after incidents, NOT reviewed annually									
Activity/Hazard	Who is at risk	Before Control Measures			Control Measures	After Control Measures			
		Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-3	Risk Rating	Please see Generic Site Risk Assessment for explanation of risk ratings	Likelihood 1-3	Severity 1-3	Risk Rating	
Accidents and First Aid									
Instructor Qualifications	Staff, users & other site users	2	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific qualifications or permits are required to run pond dipping, but the instructor must be fully trained and signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid Explorer Crew aged 14 or over can supervise sessions but only if fully trained & signed off, as detailed in the activity training requirements grid For self-led sessions, the activity must be supervised by a responsible person who takes overall charge of the session and has signed the related conditions of use. The instructor/ responsible person should ideally be 18 years old or over Instructors must be aware of this Risk Assessment & the Generic Site RA 	1	1	1	
Failure of equipment	Users	1	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only equipment used are nets, information packs, trays & pots for examining the pond life all of which are no significant risk Any missing or damaged equipment should be reported to the Duty Manager All equipment has a detailed inspection quarterly & results logged 	1	1	1	

First Aid required	Staff, users, other site users	1	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group is responsible for having their own First Aid kit • All staff on site is first aid trained and large First Aid kits are available at Reception, Providore & Crew Hut • All staff aware of site emergency plan and carry a site radio 	1	1	1
Falling in Pond	Staff, users, other site users	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fence with gate has been built around the pond to prevent accidental access to the pond • Signs in place to warn of deep water • Rescue ring available in the pond dipping area • Safety instructions are in the information packs & a safety talk should be given at the start of the session to explain these • Head count performed at start & end of session • Maximum group size of 12 with at least one adult supervisor. There should be a higher ratio of adults to participants for younger age groups • Warn participants not to overstretch or reach too far when near the edge of the pond to avoid toppling in • Warn participants to remove or secure loose items such as glasses, watches or phone to prevent falling into pond 	1	3	3
Infection from water	Staff & user	2	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants told not to put fingers into mouths • Wash hands thoroughly with soap & water after the session • Equipment should be washed at the end of each sessions 	1	1	1
Slips, Trips & Falls								
Wet decking or sleepers at the edge of pond	Staff, users & other site users	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site to ensure obvious trip hazards removed but impossible to remove all from woodland environment 	1	2	2

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decking painted with specialised non-slip decking paint • Anti-slip gripper rods installed on decking & sleepers. 			
Weather conditions	Staff & users	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy rain or cold weather can cause the ground & decking to become slippery so extra care should be taken or consider not doing the activity 	1	2	2
Lighting								
Evening session in reduced light so increased risk	Staff, users & other site users	2	1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use head torches • Floodlights available on the outside of the rifle range & festoon lighting around Pizza Oven area 	1	1	1

The areas below were considered and weren't deemed a risk at the time of the assessment:

Fire Safety

Electrical Safety

Gas Safety

COSHH

Plant and Machinery

Hazardous Buildings/Glazing

Display Screen Equipment

Manual Handling

Food Hygiene

Falls from Height