



Assessment of Risk 2023-2024 at Kith Homestead. Adventure Walk with Children

Activity/Venue	Identified Hazards	Risk Factor	Parties at Risk	Current Safety Precautions	Further Action
Outdoor Walking Session following the path around the bridleways/foot paths of Kith	Trips/Falls/Slips	Medium Risk	Participants & Staff	Pre session briefing bringing awareness to the terrain. Understanding of the route by the leaders, pre-adventure recce to assess. Reasonable risk allowance for the participants to enjoy the flora/fauna and natural land in its wild spirit. Appropriate Footwear to be worn by all participants.	Constant reminders during term of vigilance and respect for the natural lay of the land and growth.
Kith Homestead, Horn Bank Farm	Eating foraged items	Low Risk	Participants & Staff	Brief at first session on eating only what is given by leaders, participants are never to eat anything foraged without instruction or permission.	
Woodland Meadow Yurt Stream Field Road Footpath Hill	Lost participants	Low Risk	Participants	Adequate supervision at all times. Ratios within usual guidelines or more for adult:children. Children are briefed of the route beforehand. They are required to stay within sight of the adults at all times.	Monitoring/recording numbers of participants before and during session, ensuring return of all participants.
	Animal/insect bites	Medium Risk	Participants & Staff	Careful, seasonal research carried out in the area and constantly updated. Dog walkers frequent the route we're planning so children will be reminded not to approach any dogs. Reminded to stand still if a dog approaches or stand with an adult.	Member of staff equipped with a first aid kit.



	<p>Illness due to weather conditions e.g. hypothermia / sunburn</p>	Medium Risk	Participants & Staff	<p>Children briefed on seasonal risks and possible risks within the chosen environment. Consideration of weather forecast/conditions and advance mail warning to families. Reminded and checks of appropriate clothing e.g. sun hats summer, warm clothing for winter.</p> <p>No sessions to run in sub 0oc, during electrical storms or during wind speeds of 39mph or over.</p>	<p>Spot checks ongoing throughout and extra equipment available if required (sunscreen, extra waterproof, blankets, sun hats, water).</p> <p>Staff to dynamically assess the risk throughout each session, making changes to clothing and suggestions to the individual.</p>
	<p>Unsupervised Areas</p>	Medium Risk	Participants	<p>Briefing given beforehand of areas of exploration and risks explained. Boundaries and unsafe areas.</p>	<p>Spot checks throughout the sessions as to the whereabouts of children.</p>



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	Members of the Public	Low Risk	Participants, staff and public	Children are all briefed that it is a public footpath and bridleway. We share the route with others and to be courteous and respectful whilst walking.	None
	Vehicles	Medium Risk	Participants & staff	Children and parents are to remain vigilant at all times and be reminded to walk facing oncoming cars on the right hand side of the road for the short pass of the road. There is a grass verge wide enough for the group to walk on next to the road.	All participants will be notified beforehand. "Car up" and "Car back" are shouted when cars are seen and relayed to the children so they know which direction a car is coming from.



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Fire Lighting at appointed Fire Pit Zones	Dogs	Medium Risk	Participants & staff	Staff and individuals remain vigilant when encountering dogs. Advise children to look and say hello rather than touch. See above.	<p>In the case of a unknown dog at the Homestead, children are to return to their session leaders or go into the yurt area.</p> <p>In the case of a dog bite, the individual would be taken to a&e immediately.</p>
	Dog/animal (i.e. fox) litter	Medium Risk	Participants & staff	Advising parents and children to be aware in briefing. Water, soap available at Kith and sanitising spray is with the session leader.	
	Burns	High Risk <i>Adult control measures in place to ensure fires can go ahead.</i>	Participants & staff	<p>Full instruction will be given to adults and children. Discussion of fire property and elements required. First fire shown by example and lit by a leader only. Use of flint, char cloth, straw, cotton wool and natural woodland fuel.</p> <p>Wood added to fire during a session only to be added with the instructor present and next to the child. Child to stand outside of the stone ring to put wood into the fire.</p> <p>Small practice fires to be extinguished by an adult/instructor only and covered with sand/soil/water.</p>	<p>If specific equipment poses any further risks, the activity will proceed 1:1 with instructor.</p> <p>Water/sand available for extinguishing</p>



	Wooded areas	Medium Risk	Participants & staff	<p>Main fire to be extinguished at the end of the session</p> <p>Whilst fire lit one instructor constantly present, or a nominated 'adult in charge'. no fire to be left unattended.</p> <p>Risk assessment is managed daily with factors of weather conditions and tarp conditions taken into account.</p> <p>Advising participants to look around the site before making dens, sitting or playing. Awareness of hanging branches, deadwood above head, low lying hazards.</p> <p>Lead will assess the area prior to introducing the group to the space.</p>	
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Water - Stream	Exposure, slips, falls, drowning	Medium Risk	All participants	<p>Session leader assesses the water levels prior to leaving Kith and on approach to the stream. If deemed unsafe, the session will take place in alternative space.</p> <p>Risk is assessed based on the group, their confidence and the conditions of the day.</p>	

Risks for Kith Homestead activities and adventures are based on the participants, the weather conditions and the site we're working in specifically.