

Activity: **Guided / Self Guided Trails (Queen Elizabeth Forest)**Date: 14th April 2009

Name of Assessor: Rebecca Bolton

Hazard to health and/or safety present	Possible risk to employees and others? (injury)	Precautions already taken	Risk level H - M - L	Action required	Action required by whom / when?
Loss of person	Stress, injury to person	Paths are waymarked	M	Advise group to stay together, if lost arrange a meeting point	Education staff
Uneven paths	Sprained ankles, cuts, grazes	Surfaced paths	L	Advise group to wear suitable footwear	Education staff
Extreme weather	Hyperthermia Hypothermia	Trip cancelled if deemed weather unsafe	L	Advise group leaders on pre-visit to dress appropriately	Education staff
Dog Faeces	Toxacariasis Blindness	Bylaw for dog fouling	L	Advise group about the problem and wash hands after the activity	Education staff
Ticks	Lyme's Disease	Information sheet given to teaching staff. Ensure group are wearing long trousers	M	Inform staff on pre-visit about the disease and its symptoms. Web link www.nhs.uk/conditions/Lyme-disease	Education staff
Pond water Weil's disease	Serious illness, fatal	Cover cuts on hands if pond dipping. Wash hands afterwards	M	Advise group about the risks on pre-visit. Web link www.nhs.uk/conditions/leptospirosis	Education staff
Soil handling	Need tetanus if open cuts on hands	Instructions not to put fingers in mouth and wash hands afterwards	L	Advise group leader at pre-visit and web link www.nhs.uk/conditions/tetanus	
Adder bites	Shock, flu symptoms	Staff deal as an emergency	L	Web link www.nhs.uk/conditions/bites-snake	
Forest Drive	Car accident	Speed bumps 15 mph speed limit	L	Group leaders identify when it is safe to cross.	

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Narrow paths across steep slope	Fall down slope, break a bone, bruises, cuts/grazes	Fence between path and slope, path surfaced	L	Advise group to stay in single file.	Education staff
Steep grassy slope	Slips, sprained ankle	Advise to descend slope slowly and under control	M		

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Main road to Park Centre	Car accident	Speed limits enforced	L	Controlled crossing	Park staff
Stings/bites from plants/creatures	Allergic reaction Puncture wound	If severe reaction follow staff emergency procedure	M	Teaching staff carry epipens if required should notify member of staff of the allergy in pre-visit.	Education staff

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Open Country

Part of the downland trail that crosses Butser Hill is classed as an Open Country walk. An Open Country Leaders award is required of the leader.