



## The Ernest Cook Trust – Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership – Activity Risk Assessment



Site <b>Pendle Hill Summit</b> Activity <b>Summit walk from Barley or Downham car park or pendle roadside</b>				Compiled by and date:	AC 25/07/18	Checked by:	SD 19/11/19
				Reviewed by and date: AC 05/01/2022			
Who is at risk?	Pupils? Yes	Visitors? Yes	Staff? Yes	Other risk assessments relevant	<b>Fields and Paths RA, Practical conservation RA, Water RA,</b>		
Hazard		Risk Rating		Control Measure	Residue Risk		
		Likelihood	Severity		Likelihood	Severity	
Slips trips or falls due to uneven ground		M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tarmac paths to be maintained and reported</li> <li>Other areas will inevitably have uneven areas and care must be taken</li> </ul>	M	L	
Injury from natural landscape features and human additions		M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check area for dog feces, sharps and other rubbish.</li> <li>Check sites regularly for bee and wasp nests and ensure participants avoid area and group leader to be aware of any participant who may have allergies.</li> <li>Point out nettles and other harmful, prickly plants</li> <li>If necessary, inform adults about risk of tics, carry tic removal twister in first aid kit. Any person with a tick bite should be made aware of the possibility of Lyme Disease and should seek medical advice</li> </ul>	L	L	
Allergic reaction Anaphylactic reaction to stings from wasps, bees, hornets etc. or bites from mosquitoes, horseflies, midges etc.		M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders should limit time on field if you have a known allergy, carry medication if necessary</li> <li>Visiting Group Leader to hold medical information for all participants and include allergy information when completing ECT Booking Form. Officer should be advised of any allergies on the day.</li> <li>EpiPens or antihistamine medication must be carried either by the participant or an identified supervising adult when prescribed for any participant.</li> </ul>	L	M	



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical advice sought if an unexpected reaction occurs in any participant.</li> </ul>		
Microbial infection	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone should wash hands prior to eating</li> <li>• Keep hands away from face</li> </ul>	L	L
Barbed wire and electric fencing	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make groups aware of barbed wire and electric fences where applicable, and to avoid touching or reaching for fences if they slip.</li> </ul>	L	M
Farm machinery and car parks, road traffic	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep children away from farm buildings or agricultural machinery and car parks and roads</li> <li>• Make aware of the potential to encounter moving vehicles on farms tracks and roads.</li> <li>• Supervise group with adult to child ratios, with adult at front and back of group.</li> </ul>	L	H
Livestock – (kicks, trampling, bites, butts)	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid contact with farm animals, never stand directly behind livestock.</li> <li>• Ensure that groups are reasonably quiet and well-ordered when passing through fields of farm animals.</li> <li>• Wash hands or use sanitiser before eating.</li> <li>• Take great care when crossing fields with larger livestock leader should cross the field first to assess the situation. If animals are considered too dangerous, the route should be changed.</li> <li>• Farm animals should not be fed or pattered.</li> </ul>	L	H
Injury from falling branches/trees.	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep groups away from woods during high winds.</li> <li>• Trees checked for damage by landowners and leaders after high winds.</li> </ul>	L	H
Injury to eyes or face from whipping branches.	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold branches back for others and to be aware of branches springing back.</li> </ul>	L	M
Injury from sticks or stones.	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't pick up sticks unless their instructor allows them to do so for a specific activity.</li> <li>• Instruct group not to carry sticks or throw stones.</li> </ul>	L	M
Infections via hand and mouth.	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep hands away from face and wash before eating.</li> <li>• Any wounds to be covered with a plaster.</li> </ul>	L	M



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Poisoning by berries and fungi.	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instruct groups not to eat anything from the wild unless instructed by a leader.</li> <li>Wash hands before meals.</li> </ul>	L	H
Ticks	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walking routes avoid areas of long vegetation favored by ticks.</li> <li>Participants advised to keep arms and legs covered.</li> <li>Any person with a tick bite should be made aware of the possibility of Lyme Disease and seek medical advice on tick removal and aftereffects.</li> </ul>	L	M
Falling into water	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group members to be warned about the slippery slopes.</li> <li>Avoid the steep stream banks when in flood conditions.</li> <li>Carry a throw line if necessary</li> </ul>	L	H
Falling off steep slope	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep in single file along track, especially up steep slopes. Stop when necessary to let public past.</li> <li>Inform participants have correct sturdy footwear</li> <li>Warn group not to go out of sight of adults when walking through the woods.</li> </ul>	L	H
Cuts from brambles / stings from nettles	M	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk of scratches and stings should be explained when appropriate.</li> <li>First Aid kit carried by instructor and personal meds carried by group leaders.</li> </ul>	L	L
Hypothermia and heat stroke	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure participants have appropriate clothing on for weather. Hats, scarves, gloves, sun cream etc.</li> <li>Weather to be checked on day, and activity cancelled if too cold, windy or too warm.</li> <li>Participants to carry waterproof warm coat, as it can be cooler on the summit and very windy</li> <li>Ensure there is plenty of drinking water for all participants and encourage water stops.</li> <li>Keep an eye on participants for fatigue individuals and encourage rest.</li> </ul>	L	M



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<p>Traffic and other road users on roads and driveways</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>H</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants made aware of the presence of traffic and other road users and expected behaviour made clear.</li> <li>• Supervising adults in high visibility clothing positioned at the front and back and evenly throughout the group when walking on roadsides.</li> <li>• Where there is no pavement participants warned in advance and instructed to be in single file or tight pairs and as close as possible to the outside of the road.</li> <li>• Judgement made by the Officer as to the safest side of the road to walk on.</li> <li>• Road crossings made in a controlled and organised manner with a supervising adult positioned in the road at either side of the crossing group in such a position that they are visible to traffic and approaching traffic can be seen.</li> </ul>	<p>L</p>	<p>H</p>
<p>Participants getting lost/separated from the group</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear instructions/expectations for behaviour</li> <li>• Participants supervised by visiting adults at a ratio appropriate to the age and experience of the group.</li> <li>• Supervising adults spread throughout the group with a designated back marker to ensure no participant drops behind.</li> <li>• Participants counted at the beginning and end of the walk and at regular stopping sites.</li> </ul>	<p>L</p>	<p>M</p>
<p>Inappropriate interaction between participants and members of the public</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>L</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups/activity planned and managed by ECT/PHLP staff to minimise interaction between participants and the public when/where this might be undesirable/inappropriate.</li> <li>• Participants supervised by visiting adults at a ratio appropriate to the age and experience of the group.</li> <li>• Behaviour monitored and managed by visiting adults throughout the activity.</li> </ul>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>Injury resulting from poor visibility in low light</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>M</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walks undertaken in daytime only.</li> <li>• Activity may be altered or cancelled at times of reduced visibility due to weather conditions e.g. fog.</li> </ul>	<p>L</p>	<p>L</p>



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