

13 GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY LED BY SCHOOL – ROCK HOPPING (WEASELING) BOULDERING

This activity involves rock scrambling on, around and under boulders and small rock edges typically in the Dark Peak, Derbyshire. In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience, leader must be approved by the LEA OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVISER (OEA) to lead this activity. Leaders of rock hopping will normally hold a UKMTB qualification (SPA, ML, MIA etc) and have previously worked with Thornbridge Outdoors instructors leading this activity.

HAZARD	RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS/ ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING	INITIAL IF ALL IN PLACE
Avoidable objective dangers/unsuitable location/route for ability of group	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location is named on LEA notification form (Appendix 6) Route is specifically assessed by leader prior to session and during activity No pitches in which a rope is required are used without additional approval 	Written site specific risk assessment and/or operating procedures	Low	
Fall from height, objects falling from above, trips and slips	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff, other people at venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader and other adults understand how to “spot” participants appropriately Pupils involved in spotting are trained appropriately Group size and ratios suitable (usually up to 12 students with additional adult) climbing helmets used if climbing above shoulder height or crawling under rocks Proper briefing of pupils, behaviour monitored and vigilance of all staff during activity 		Low	
Pollution/infection (from any waste encountered)	Illness	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If crawling involved, provision of protective outer clothing and gloves as appropriate Pupils briefed re hygiene 		Low	
Exposure to environmental factors - heat, cold, rain, wind	Disabling or fatal injury	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate protective clothing and equipment Check weather forecast Ability to change plans if weather inappropriate 	Kit list to parents; kit checked before departure	Low	
Illness or injury	disabling or fatal injury or illness	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader first aid trained Information about existing medical conditions known by staff Accident/emergency procedures known by leaders First aid equipment carried by party 	Medical information from parents Medication carried	Low	

*This generic risk assessment for school use identifies the common hazards and control measures associated with this type of visit or activity. Before undertaking the activity, the **GROUP LEADER** must also make an “**EVENT-SPECIFIC**” assessment of any risks associated with their particular visit, including the **SITE, GROUP, ACTIVITIES, STAFFING & TRAVEL**.*

LOCATION OF VISIT:

DATE(S):

ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT BY: NAME:

SIGNED:

DATE: