

Site risk assessment record

Berkshire
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Location: Audrey's meadow, (off Rosyth Gardens)	Date of assessment: 18/05/18	Nearest postcode: RG14 7WD	Main entrance OS Grid Ref : SU 486 660
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Hazards/hazardous events	Who is affected?	Typical outcome	Precautions	Risk Level LxH=RL
Uneven ground due to roots, stones and muddy paths causing slips, trips or falls	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes	Warn of uneven ground to group	Likely x Slight harm = slight
Thorny bushes along paths and in work areas.	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts and grazes, Puncture wounds, eye damage	Ensure paths are kept clear. Provide safety glasses if working in thorny area.	Likely x harmful = moderate
Dead branches in trees and standing deadwood – risk of falling down	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries, cuts and bruises	Conform to COP 31, Tree safety assessment and any areas worked in are to be checked for dangerous trees. No work should be carried out in high winds	Unlikely x harmful = slight

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Stings from bees, wasps or hornets	Public BBOWT workers	Allergic reaction to stings	Be aware of any nests close by and do not get too close. All volunteers / staff should declare any known allergic reactions	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Grazing animals are present at certain times during the year	Public BBOWT workers	Contact injury incl crushing	Advice notices posted by access points, keep dogs on leads. Only stock accustomed to public used	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Barbed wire fences	Public BBOWT workers	Scratches, entanglement	Check fences are in good condition	Unlikely x slight harm = minor
Livestock and/or wild animals' (incl rats') dung/urine, and dirty water may be present with the possibility of water borne disease	Public BBOWT workers	Illness with leptospirosis (Weil's disease)	Inform workers or groups to practice good personal hygiene, esp prior to eating. Conform to CoP 15.	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Permanently wet ground occurs near the pond and in times of heavy rain	Public BBOWT workers	Getting stuck	No paths are routed this way	Unlikely x slight harm = minor

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There is a section of boardwalk across the boggy section, as well as gates and a bench	Public, BBOWT workers	Slips, trips, or falls	Monitor access structures to ensure good condition i.e. not rotten, surface is not slippery, or handrails sound (if present), and that gates open or close properly	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Seasonal ponds are present to the South of the site and just outside the boundaries of the meadow	Public BBOWT workers	Falling in, getting stuck or drowning	Advise workers about taking care on banks or sloping ground near to pond	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Irritable and poisonous plants and fungi	Contractors BBOWT workers	Ingestion	Do not eat fungi, berries or other plant material Wash hands thoroughly after handling such material	Unlikely x harmful = slight

Nearest telephone (landline): Houses at Rosyth Gardens – immediately adjacent	Emergency telephone number 999 or 112	
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Nearest A&E department: Royal Berkshire Hospital A&E, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AN Tel: 0118 322 7020 Minor Injuries – West Berks Community Hospital Rookes Way, Thatcham, GR18 3AS Tel: 01635 273 300	Type of access for emergency services (delete as appropriate) Pedestrian 4WD Air	Access point/route for emergency services from road: Same location as main entrance namely a field gate at the end of Rosyth Gardens.	
Assessment undertaken by: Simon Barnett	Position: Land Manager (P&E)	Manager confirming assessment: Alex Cruickshank	Date for revision: March 2019

Work identified from site risk assessment	By whom	Date completed
Carry out tree safety assessments	Tree and Woodlands Officer/Reserves staff.	annual
Ensure safety notices are posted (tree works, livestock)	Reserves staff	As required
Annual H&S audit of site infrastructure	LM (P&E) or LMO (Access)	Annual
Check integrity of fenceline and make repairs as necessary	Reserves staff	As required/weekly when livestock present

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This checklist is designed to assist in the production of Site Risk Assessments. For those hazards present, more specific information should be provided, e.g. location within site and precautions required entered on SRA form. **This list is not comprehensive. Map is located in reserves office.**

No.	Risk	Present		Recorded on map
1	Steep slopes and banks		No	
2	Drowning risk – deep water [pools, streams, rivers]		No	
3	Fall hazards – rock outcrops, buildings, building foundations		No	
4	Areas liable to flooding		No	
5	Areas of permanent soft ground	Yes		
6	Areas of soft ground following rain	Yes		
7	Uneven path / track surfaces	Yes		
8	Uneven ground	Yes		all
9	Remote areas		No	
10	Dry weather fire hazard – heath, scrub, grass		No	
11	Sun exposure – poor shade - burn / dehydration	Yes		
12	Site used for walking [Inc dogs]	Yes		all
13	Children playing		No	
14	Site used for horse riding		No	
15	Site users include people with mobility problems		No	
16	Site history of abuse [drunks, vandals, drugs, needle stick injury]		No	
17	Site history of staff and/or volunteer intimidation		No	
18	Fly-tipping		No	
19	Unauthorised and/or authorised shooting [i.e. poaching/stalking]		No	
20	Unauthorised vehicles [cars and motorbikes]		No	
21	Difficult or restricted access / egress [esp. for heavy plant]		no	
22	Authorised vehicles	Yes		all
23	Areas inaccessible to vehicles		No	
24	Former landfill site		No	
25	Proximity to public highway		No	
26	Proximity to Public Rights of Way	Yes		
27	Overhead service lines		No	
28	Underground service lines		No	
29	Barbed wire	Yes		fences
30	Personal hygiene facilities		No	
31	Poisoning from blue / green algae		No	
32	Exposure to bracken [carcinogenic spores] (see CoP 15)		No	
33	Puncture wounds [blackthorn / hawthorn]	Yes		all
34	Wild parsnip burns		No	
35	Giant hogweed burns (see CoP 15)		No	
36	Poisonous berries		No	
37	Poisonous fungi		No	
38	Standing dead wood	Yes		
39	Risk of Weils' disease (see CoP 15)	Yes		all
40	Site known for wasps	Yes		
41	Site known for bees	Yes		
42	Site known for hornets		No	
43	Site known for adders		No	
44	Site known for stray dogs		No	
45	Site known for ticks [Lyme disease] (see CoP 15)		No	
46	Site known for allergens [pollen / spores]	Yes		All
47	Injury to pregnancy – exposure to lambs [listeria, chlamydia]		No	all

Audreys Meadow boundary

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