

Site Risk Assessment Record

Location: Blenheim Farm Community Nature Reserve	Date of assessment: 06/09/2017		Nearest postcode: OX7 3SY	Main entrance OS Grid Ref: SP 36417 19413
Hazards/hazardous events	Who is affected?	Typical outcome	Precautions	Risk Level LxH=RL
Uneven ground due to roots, stones, holes and muddy paths causing slips, trips or falls.	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes.	Maintain path surface.	Trivial
Thorny bushes along paths and in work areas.	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts and grazes. Infections. Puncture wounds, eye damage.	Ensure paths are kept clear. Provide safety glasses if working in thorny area.	Moderate
Falling dead wood in the form of either branches or trees.	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries, cuts, broken limbs and bruises.	Conform to COP 31 and carry out tree safety assessments and remedial work required. Areas used/worked in are to be checked for dangerous trees. No work should be carried out in high winds.	Moderate
Irritant and poisonous plants such as bracken, berries and fungi.	Public. BBOWT workers	Spores are carcinogenic. Poisoning from ingestion.	Do not work in bracken infested areas in July/August/September. Do not eat fungi, berries or other plant material. Wash hands after handling such material.	Moderate
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.	Moderate

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Dog faeces.	Public. BBOWT workers	Stomach upset from bacteria in faeces. Toxocariasis (an infection of the round worm <i>Toxocara canis</i>). Young children are at particular risk due to their weaker immune systems and greater chance of exposure.	Wear gloves if likely to come in contact with faeces. Wash hands before eating.	Moderate
Litter/fly-tipping.	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts, infections.	Use gloves/litter pickers when collecting rubbish and strong bags. Do not overfill. Contact staff if needles or syringes found, for advice on disposal in sharps containers.	Moderate
Water bodies.	Public. BBOWT workers	Drowning.	Access to water body fenced off. Route path away from edge of water body.	Moderate
Contact with water.	Public. BBOWT workers	Weil's disease (Leptospirosis).	Cover cuts and abrasions and wash hands after contact with water. If flu like symptoms develop within 3-19 days after contact with water visit doctor and inform of the possibility of Weils' disease.	Moderate
Overhead service lines.	Public. BBOWT workers	Electrocution	Inform workers of the presence of overhead service lines.	Moderate
Hogweed.	Public. BBOWT workers	Blisters from a photosensitive skin reaction caused by plant phyto-toxins.	Avoid contact with plant especially when cutting. Wear gloves and goggles. Keep paths clear of the plant.	Trivial

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Ticks may be present on the reserve		Public, BBOWT workers	Infected bites or at worst Lyme's Disease	Long Trousers and sleeves should be worn in season, check body over after visit esp waist, legs, armpits. Remove with a twist, but ensure all mouthparts come free, if in doubt visit GP. Advise groups.	slight
Nearest telephone (landline): Nearby houses		Emergency telephone number: 999 or 112		Access point/route for emergency services from road: Pedestrian access from main road, along footpath to nature reserve main entrance. 4WD access via Ticknell Piece Road, through locked Bowls Club entrance, across playing field, through Community Woodland into nature reserve via chained field gate. Most of nature reserve accessible by 4WD.	
Nearest A&E department: John Radcliffe Hospital , Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU Tel: 01865 741166		Type of access for emergency services: (delete as appropriate) Pedestrian, 4WD, AIR (neighbouring playing field)			
Assessment undertaken by: Mark Bradfield		Position: Community Wildlife Manager		Manager confirming assessment: Martyn Lane	
Date for revision:					

Work identified from site risk assessment	By whom	Date completed
No need for work identified	M Bradfield	06/09/2017

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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 Oxon Community Files.**

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

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