

## Site Risk Assessment Record

<b>Location:</b> Cholsey Marsh	<b>Date of assessment:</b> 05/05/16		<b>Nearest postcode:</b> OX10 9GZ	<b>Main entrance OS Grid Ref :</b> SU 6021 8549
Hazards/hazardous events	Who is affected?	Typical outcome	Precautions	Risk Level
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	<b>slight</b>
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.	<b>moderate</b>
Dead branches in trees. Dead standing trees – 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	<b>slight</b>
Irritable and poisonous plants such as Hogweed, Water Dropwort	Public. BBOWT workers	Poisoning from ingestion or contact with plant material	Do not touch plant material; avoid brush cutting or pulling these plants without adequate protection of skin, especially eyes and mouth. Wash hands after handling such material.	<b>slight</b>
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	<b>slight</b>
Water body- the Thames and two man-made scrapes	Public BBOWT workers	Drowning	Any access to water's edge to be discouraged, including routing paths away from the very edge.	<b>moderate</b>
Contact with water	Public BBOWT workers	Weil's disease (Leptospirosis)	Cover any cuts or 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 them of the possibility of Weil's disease.	<b>slight</b>

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Soft ground, water in reedbed/fen/ tussocky areas.	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes. Drowning.	Limit access to fen/reedbed. Do not work in reed bed alone. Be aware of conditions underfoot.	<b>moderate</b>
Ticks	Public. BBOWT workers	Lyme disease	Wear appropriate clothing to cover the legs. Arm coverings should be cuffed to help exclude ticks. Workers should inspect their skin for ticks when bathing or showering after work. Any tick bites which do not heal at a normal rate, develop an associated rash, or if any part of the tick cannot be removed from the wound, consult a doctor immediately. If symptoms of ill-health follow a bite, also consult a doctor without delay. (COP 15)	<b>moderate</b>
Area liable to flooding	Public. BBOWT workers	Drowning, hypothermia if stranded	Be aware of all day weather conditions when working on site.	<b>moderate</b>
Dog faeces/Dangerous dogs	Public. BBOWT workers	Stomach upset from bacteria in faeces. Toxocarias (an infection of the round worm <i>Toxocara cani</i> ). Young children are at particular risk due to their weaker immune systems and greater chance of exposure. Possible attack by dangerous dog.	Wear gloves if likely to come in contact with faeces. Wash hands before eating. The public should obey the signage regarding dog control. Dogs should be on a short lead/under close control (at heel) at all times.	<b>slight</b>
Litter/flytipping.	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts, infections.	Use gloves/litterpickers when collecting rubbish and strong bags. Do not overfill. Contact staff if needles or syringes found, for advice on disposal in sharps containers.	<b>slight</b>

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<b>Nearest telephone (landline):</b>	<b>Emergency telephone number</b> 999 or 112	<b>Access point/route for emergency services from road:</b>  On the A329 turn onto Ferry Lane, continue on this track passing houses and buildings to the left for about 300m. Take the left after the houses, go through the vehicle gate on the right- may need 4WD if wet conditions. For the southern strip of the reserve continue along ferry lane past the left turning and park on the track before the water and enter the reserve on the right on foot.	
<b>Nearest A &amp; E Department</b> Royal Berkshire, NHS Foundation Trust, Craven Road, Reading, RG1 5AN <b>0118 322 5111</b>  <b>Nearest hospital for Minor Injuries:</b> Wallingford Community Hospital, Reading Rd, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 9DU	<b>Type of access for emergency services (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)</b>  Pedestrian 2WD		
<b>Assessment undertaken by:</b> Roseanna Holt	<b>Position:</b> Assistant Reserves Officer	<b>Manager confirming assessment:</b> Martyn Lane	<b>Date for revision:</b> May 2019

Work identified from site risk assessment	By whom	Date completed
Carry out tree safety assessments	Reserves staff	annual
Ensure safety notices are posted (livestock grazing, tree work, path works, contractors machinery present)	Reserves staff/ contractors	
Task/work party leaders convey relevant information to participants	Reserves staff/ leader	

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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	yes		
2	Drowning risk – deep water [pools, streams, rivers]	yes		
3	Fall hazards – rock outcrops, buildings, building foundations		no	
4	Areas liable to flooding	yes		
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		
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		
13	Children playing	yes		
14	Site used for horse riding		no	
15	Site users include people with mobility problems	yes		
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]	yes		
22	Authorised vehicles		no	
23	Areas inaccessible to vehicles	yes		
24	Former landfill site/unauthorised dumping	yes		
25	Proximity to public highway	yes		
26	Proximity to Public Rights of Way	yes		
27	Overhead service lines		no	
28	Underground service lines		no	
29	Barbed wire	yes		
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		
34	Wild parsnip burns	yes		
35	Giant hogweed burns (see CoP 15)		no	
36	Poisonous berries	yes		
37	Poisonous fungi	yes		
38	Standing dead wood	yes		
39	Risk of Weils' disease (see CoP 15)	yes		
40	Site known for wasps	yes		
41	Site known for bees	yes		
42	Site known for hornets	yes		
43	Site known for adders		no	
44	Site known for stray dogs		no	
45	Site known for ticks [Lyme disease] (see CoP 15)	yes		
46	Site known for allergens [pollen / spores]	yes		
47	Injury to pregnancy – exposure to lambs [listeria, chlamydia]		no	

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