

## Site Risk Assessment Record

<b>Location: Gozzards Ford Fen</b>	<b>Date of assessment:</b> 17/1/2017		<b>Nearest postcode:</b> OX13 6JJ	<b>Main entrance OS Grid Ref:</b>
<b>Hazards/hazardous events</b>	<b>Who is affected?</b>	<b>Typical outcome</b>	<b>Precautions</b>	<b>Risk Level LxH=RL</b>
Uneven ground due to roots, stones, holes and muddy paths causing slips, trips or falls.	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes.	<b>This site is not advertised as open to the public.</b> The reserve is a fen with soft ground and uneven surfaces. As there are no paths take care where you tread. Limit access to reserve. No advertisement on Gozzards Ford Fen for public access and that no-one works in the fen alone.	<b>Slight</b>
Falling dead wood in the form of either branches or trees.	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries, broken limbs, cuts 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.	<b>Slight</b>
Irritable and poisonous plants, 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.	<b>Slight</b>

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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.	<b>Slight</b>
Water bodies.	Public. BBOWT workers	Drowning.	The reserve is a fen with soft ground and uneven surfaces. As there are no paths take care where you tread. Limit access to reserve. No advertisement on Gozzards Ford Fen for access and that no-one works in the fen alone.	<b>Moderate</b>
Soft ground, water in fen.	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes. Drowning.	Limit access to fen/reedbed. Do not work in wet areas alone. Be aware of conditions underfoot.	<b>Moderate</b>
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.	<b>Slight</b>
Ticks are known to 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.	<b>Unlikely x harmful = slight</b>

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Hogweed and wild parsnip		Public. BBOWT workers	Blisters from a photosensitive skin reaction.	Avoid contact with plant especially when cutting. Wear gloves. Keep paths clear of the plant.	<b>Slight</b>
Public highway		Public. BBOWT workers	Injuries sustained from an impact with a vehicle.	Be extra vigilant when entering and exiting the site as exit is straight onto road	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Nearest telephone (landline):</b>		<b>Emergency telephone number:</b>		<b>Access point/route for emergency services from road:</b>	
		999 or 112		There is a lay-by on Blackhorse lane. About 50m South there is a gap in the fence through the wet woodland to the open fen area.	
<b>Nearest A&amp;E department:</b>		<b>Type of access for emergency services: (delete as appropriate)</b>			
<b>John Radcliffe Hospital</b> , Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU  Tel: 01865 741166		Pedestrian   2WD   4WD   AIR			
<b>Assessment undertaken by:</b>		<b>Position:</b>	<b>Manager confirming assessment:</b>		<b>Date for revision:</b>
Nicole Clough		Reserves Officer	Martyn Lane		Jan 2020

Work identified from site risk assessment	By whom	Date completed

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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	no	
2	Drowning risk – deep water [pools, streams, rivers]	yes	no	
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	
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	
27	Overhead service lines	yes	no	
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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