

Site Risk Assessment Record

Location: Hitchcopse Pit	Date of assessment: 17/1/2017		Nearest postcode: OX13 5QF	Main entrance OS Grid Ref: SU 452 996
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.	Slight
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.	Slight
Horses. A bridleway runs along the reserve – possibility of horses being scared.	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries to the rider, from falling off. Injury to passer by from horse kicking.	Put up suitable signs when work is being done. Be aware of danger when on walking on bridleways.	Slight
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.	Slight
Irritable 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.	Slight
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.	Slight

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Dog faeces.	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.	Wear gloves if likely to come in contact with faeces. Wash hands before eating.	Slight
Water bodies.	Public. BBOWT workers	Drowning.	Access to water bodies to be discouraged. Route path away from edge of water body.	Slight
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.	Slight
Hogweed.	Public. BBOWT workers	Blisters from a photosensitive skin reaction.	Avoid contact with plant especially when cutting. Wear gloves. Keep paths clear of the plant.	Slight
Steep drop off cliff edge/potential for collapse.	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries, broken limbs, cuts and bruises.	Discourage access to the cliff edge. Route paths away from the edge. Monitor potential for collapse and fence off/make safe if necessary.	Moderate
Underground service lines.	BBOWT workers.	Electrocution.	Inform workers of the presence of underground service lines.	Slight
Public highway.	Public. BBOWT workers	Injuries sustained from an impact with a vehicle.	Be extra vigilant when entering and exiting the byway to get to the reserve.	Moderate

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Sun exposure.		Public. BBOWT workers	Dehydration and sunburn.	Use sun cream, drink plenty of fluids and protect skin by covering with light clothing.	Slight
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.	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Nearest telephone (landline): SU 465996		Emergency telephone number: 999 or 112		Access point/route for emergency services from road: Access via a by way from A338 opposite Tubney wood. Drive along by way to reserve edge. If used the access from neighbours land go to Hitchcopse pit farm. Gate on left, go through three fields until you get to a made track. Head North North east to reserve entrance	
Nearest A&E department: John Radcliffe Hospital , Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU Tel: 01865 741166		Type of access for emergency services: <i>(delete as appropriate)</i> Pedestrian 4WD AIR			
Assessment undertaken by: Nicole Clough		Position: Reserves Officer		Manager confirming assessment: Martyn Lane	
				Date for revision: 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		
2	Drowning risk – deep water [pools, streams, rivers]	yes		
3	Fall hazards – rock outcrops, buildings, building foundations	yes		
4	Areas liable to flooding		no	
5	Areas of permanent soft ground		no	
6	Areas of soft ground following rain		no	
7	Uneven path / track surfaces	yes		
8	Uneven ground	yes		
9	Remote areas	yes		
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		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]	yes		
22	Authorised vehicles	yes		
23	Areas inaccessible to vehicles	yes		
24	Former landfill site	yes		
25	Proximity to public highway		no	
26	Proximity to Public Rights of Way	yes		
27	Overhead service lines		no	
28	Underground service lines	yes		
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)		no	
46	Site known for allergens [pollen / spores]		no	
47	Injury to pregnancy – exposure to lambs [listeria, chlamydia]		no	

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