



**Site Risk Assessment Location: Mill Woods**

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**Next Assessment due: 2018**

**Site Location grid reference: TQ517137**

**Address/key information: Mill Woods, Park Lane, Nr Laughton, Postcode BN8 6BP**

**Benefits of using the Site**

- Good access
- Plenty of resources
- Stream area
- Good diversity

**Hazards** and to whom (children/adults). **Consider these things: Boundaries, Tree Layer, Shrub Layer, Field Layer Trees likely to be climbed, Water areas, ponds/ditches, Buried hazards such as barbed wire and old metal/broken glass etc. Public access, dog walkers, Forestry work/vehicles, Access to emergency services, Known poisonous/hazardous species, such as snakes, ticks, wasp/bees nests, hazardous plants, Any other hazards....**

Risk & Hazard	Likelihood	Hazard Severity	Risk factor	Control measures to reduce the risk	Residual risk
Streams, falling in	2	4	8	Make group aware of water courses and ensure supervision with higher risk groups	4
Bridges, falling in & not slippy	1	4	4	Ensure bridges are stable, clear any leaves when wet or icy	3
Dog walkers, attack	1	4	4	Avoid approaching dogs	4
Dog walkers faeces , infection	3	3	9	Visual check and removal where possible. Provide hand washing facilities	3
Uneven ground, slips trip and fall	3	2	6	Remove any obvious hazards and make group aware of any dodgy areas.	2
Falling deadwood	3	4	12	Check for and remove any obvious hazards, do a daily risk assessment in areas of high use and be more vigilant in high winds	4
Boundaries, getting lost	3	3	9	Brief group on where boundaries are and keep regular number checks, consider marking boundaries for some groups	3



Shrub layer, eye hazards	3	3	9	Remove any obvious hazards in high use areas, make group aware in other areas where this may be an issue.	3
Swing, falls onto sharp or hard things	2	3	6	Ensure swing area is clear of floor hazards	3
Snakes, bites	2	3	6	Ensure 1 <sup>st</sup> aider available. Make group aware of any snake sightings and be vigilant in these areas	3
Ticks, disease	1	3	3	Check for incidence of tick in the woodland, make group aware of possible symptoms and necessary precautions	3
Remoteness, access for emergency services in emergency situations	2	4	8	Ensure 1 <sup>st</sup> aid and aider on site, check mobile phone reception. Have emergency procedure available at all times Ensure key for West Gate is available to enable emergency vehicle access	4

**Risk Assessment scoring-** Scores of 8 and above cease activity or reassess the control measures

Likelihood		Hazard severity		Risk Factor (likelihood x hazard severity)	
1	Very unlikely	1	Minor injury, scratches, bruises, burns etc.	1-3	Low
2	Unlikely	2	Moderate injury, cuts, grazing, burns etc.	4-7	Moderate
3	Likely	3	Serious- Person requires hospital treatment or time of school/work	8-12	High
4	Very likely	4	Significant, risk of death or loss of limbs/ eyesight etc.	13-16	Very High