

North York Moors National Park Outdoor Learning Team

<p>Risk Assessment for Fieldwork Activities (Page 1 of 3) Must be read in conjunction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic Risk Assessment for Guided Walks (including site specific for individuals locations as appropriate) Site Specific Risk Assessment for Moorland Walks <p>Location: Moorland or stream sites on, or close to route of standard or extended moorland walks or Levisham Beck) Adult to pupil ratio: At least 1 adult to 10 pupils; more adults as appropriate for younger or less able pupils. Max group size per Activity Leader: usually 30 (larger groups depending on activity) Provider: NYMNP Outdoor Learning Team Assessor/Reviewed by: Heather McNiff (Head of Outdoor Learning) Last reviewed: Feb 2022 Next review: Feb 2023 Method for review: All hazards reviewed by: Annual review, Leader feedback, Accident / near miss books</p>	<p>Limitations and Emergency Procedures Activities or walk routes to field study sites will not go higher than 600m or more than 30 minutes walking time away from a road or refuge accessible by an ordinary vehicle.</p> <p>Weather conditions in which activities will be cancelled: Heavy rain / thunderstorm / lightening / snow, sleet or hail on the ground or falling / when wind strength inhibits normal walking. Weather forecast checked prior to visit.</p> <p>All staff leading activities hold a valid, appropriate first aid qualification and are qualified in Level 1 and Level 2 of the National Water Safety Management Programme (where appropriate) and carry first aid kits, spare clothing, survival bags, blanket, survival shelter (when away from a NP Centre) and have radio/telephone contact with support staff (when off site radio contact between leaders).</p> <p>Roles and responsibilities of National Park Leaders and visiting teachers are stated in 'Pre-Visit Information' on our website at: http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/school-and-group-visits/essential-information</p>
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Risk rating scale where risk rating = likelihood x consequence			
	1 Minor Injury <small>Incident can be dealt with on site and casualty is able to continue activity</small>	2 Major Injury <small>Casualty cannot continue activity</small>	3 At least 1 fatality
Consequence Likelihood <small>of hazard causing harm assuming precautions are taken</small>			
1 Very unlikely	1	2	3
2 Occasional	2	4	6
3 Likely	3	6	9

Risk rating assuming precautions are taken:

1 = low risk

2 to 4 = medium risk

6 to 9 = high risk (unacceptable)
Omit activity or change to reduce risk before proceeding

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HAZARD	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	PRECAUTIONS	RISK RATING	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Field equipment	Bruises, cuts, grazes; back injuries from using soil augers and drain rods	Group members	Demonstrate correct and safe use of all equipment at the start of the session. Adults requested to help supervise young people's behaviour and use of equipment. Young people to be supervised at all times and assisted as required. Demonstrate correct use of soil augers and drain rods. Handles of soil augers taped up to prevent trapping skin between handle and auger. Equipment to be removed from any pupils acting irresponsibly. Equipment to be checked before the start of the session and any defective items to be removed / replaced.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Carrying field equipment	Bruises, cuts,	Group members	Demonstrate correct method of carrying equipment before setting off. Young people instructed not to swing metre rules, augers or any other long pieces of equipment. Soil augers to be carried with screw pointing to ground. No equipment to be carried over shoulder.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
Vegetation	Cuts and infection	Group members	Advise pupils to handle vegetation carefully. Nitrile gloves to be issued to those with open wounds on hands.	(2 x 1) 2 MEDIUM	
Soil / animal faeces	Infection	Group members	Nitrile gloves to be provided for pupils not wishing to handle soil with bare hands. Hand sanitiser / wet wipes provided to clean hands after handling soil and before eating packed lunches out on site. Young people instructed not to touch animal faeces. Young people directed to hand washing facilities immediately on return to the centre.	(2 x 1) 2 MEDIUM	
Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)	Infection	Group members	Any individuals with cuts, grazes on hands to wear hypo allergenic plasters and nitrile gloves (provided). Direct group to wash hands immediately after activity. Hand sanitiser / wet wipes provided to clean hands after activity if not able to wash hands. See appendix 2 for information on Leptospirosis	(1x3) 3 MEDIUM	Leptospirosis (Weil's disease) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

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Additional risks if the activity includes working in or near the river.

Hazard	POTENTIAL HARM	PEOPLE AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	RISK FACTOR	NOTES AND ACTIONS
Town/village activities (e.g. Danby, RHB, and Pickering)	Small group work away from Activity leader for short periods	Group members	Only older groups (KS4 and A-level) operate away from tutors. Activity Leader to give clear briefings about staying as a group, traffic risk, the meeting point and time, 'stranger danger' and sea/river drowning risks.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	
	'Stranger danger'	Group members	Students stay with staff/activity leader, unless above requirements are met.	(2 x 2) 4 MEDIUM	