



RISK ASSESSMENT

Hazard	At Risk	Control Measures	Severity	Likelihood	Rating	Further Action
Boundaries – Risk of young people leaving site	Visitors	All groups advised to implement adequate control of their young people, to explain boundaries and prevent travel beyond these without permission or supervision	3	2	6	
Motorway – Access from Motorway bridge or western edge of car park field	Visitors	As above, all young people to be advised to keep away from motorway boundaries and only access the motorway bridge with adult supervision and support	3	2	6	
Uneven surfaces	Visitors	Our largest number of accidents come from slips, trips and falls from people running on uneven surfaces. Groups to make their members aware that all fields and other areas may have potholes, molehills, divots and other such uneven surfaces that could cause a trip or fall.	1	4	4	
Asbestos	Visitors	As part of the Activity Barn replacement, all asbestos containing materials have now been removed from site and disposed of properly.	3	2	6	
Wood Pile – Risk of nails/splinters	Visitors	Wood Pile is available for all users to find firewood but all users to take care by wearing appropriate footwear and gloves/goggles as appropriate. Wood pile checked by site staff and any timber with nails moved to avoid people stepping on it but care must still be taken. Signage on woodpile to advise care and correct footwear	2	3	6	

Traffic – Car Park and internal roads	Visitors	When busy, traffic on our car park and internal roads is considerable. We restrict vehicle access to camping areas but groups should brief young people about the dangers of vehicles on the car park and roads	3	2	6	
Risk of falling branches	Visitors	Much of Bibbys Farm is in natural woodland and there is always a risk of deadwood falling from trees. We undertake a regular woodland survey to identify dead wood that is then removed as a part of our woodland management but the risk, although reduced, is always there.	3	2	6	
Poisonous plants	Visitors	Our wildlife, flora and fauna are diverse and there is always a chance some are poisonous. Groups to ensure caution if planning to pick or eat any berries and to seek expert advice first.	3	2	6	
Danger of drowning	Visitors	We have access to a small lake on land adjacent to our property. Using the lake area is strictly forbidden unless as a part of a water activity booked and delivered by Bibbys Farm. Groups to advise young people that this area is out of bounds.	3	2	6	
Tractors and Plant	Visitors	Bibbys Farm have various tractors, trailers and items of farm machinery needed to maintain the site. Usage of these is restricted to trained personnel and our policy is to aim to use these only when the site is not occupied. When it is vital to use them to cut grass for example, site staff will avoid areas being used by groups and young people. Visitors to keep away from any machinery and especially when in use.	4	1	4	
Climbing walls and towers	Visitors	The site boasts several structures used for adventurous activities. When not in use, these are roped off, but leaders are advised to ensure that young people in their care do not attempt to climb on or use these facilities without properly trained adult supervision and leadership.	3	2	6	

Playground	Visitors	We have a wonderful playground on-site available for all users to play on. However, we always require adult supervision that it is in use just in case anyone slips or falls and there is then someone available to assist. Playground has safety flooring, but all group leaders should ensure their young people are aware that they can only play when there is adult supervision in place.	2	3	6	
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Please note: The above generic risk assessment covers the main risks we have identified on site but it is not exhaustive or exclusive. Group leaders are encouraged to undertake their own risk assessments and to visit the site prior to bringing a group to familiarise themselves of any other risks that may present themselves.

Additionally, detailed risk assessments are available on the web site for all activities on offer at Bibbys Farm.