

## **Woodsong Wales Risk Assessment**

<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Who might be harmed?</b>	<b>Is the risk adequately controlled?</b>	<b>Risk mitigation actions</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<i>Significant hazards that may result in serious harm</i>	<i>Level of risk involved</i>		<i>Existing controls or where information may be found. (e.g. information, instruction training, systems or procedures)</i>	<i>Actions that are needed to reduce or eliminate the risks.</i>	
<p><i>Woodland area</i> Canopy hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broken bones, crushing, head injuries, bruising, scratches from falling wood</li> </ul>	HIGH/ MEDIUM	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader to visually carry out a daily site at the beginning of the day of areas to be visited. Care to be taken not to base any static activities under standing or hanging dead wood in the canopy.</li> <li>• Woodland areas are not safe to use in high winds, so an alternative site should be identified to use in these conditions such as the fenced in picnic area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess wind strength and direction on day. If too windy do not enter woodland.</li> <li>• If weather conditions change during the session, leader move group out of tree cover via the shortest route and an alternative area should be used.</li> </ul>	LOW
<p><i>Woodland area</i> Shrub layer hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruising or crushing injuries from falling wood</li> <li>• Scratches and cuts from thorns</li> <li>• Eye injury from poking hazards</li> </ul>	MEDIUM	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area of woodland to be used carefully checked and maintained for public use.</li> <li>• Leader to visually carry out a daily site check at the beginning of the day.</li> <li>• Some hazards may be removed if in areas of high frequency of use e.g. cutting back of thorny plants from pathways, removal of hanging dead wood (using safe procedures) if over an area in frequent use and if is within reach.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn group of any particular site hazards.</li> <li>• Inform group of any unsafe areas (e.g. thorny bushes, dense areas of branches at eye height) and mark these visually if appropriate for group.</li> </ul>	LOW

<p><i>Woodland area</i> Ground layer hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor injuries, tips &amp; slips e.g. twisted ankles, scratches, bruises, nettle stings</li> </ul>	LOW	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area of woodland to be used carefully checked and maintained for public use.</li> <li>• Leader to visually carry out a daily site check of workshop areas at beginning of the day.</li> <li>• If possible, move any trip hazards that are across main pathways.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure group are all wearing appropriate footwear and advise on muddy/waterlogged areas</li> <li>• Warn group of any particular hazards on site.</li> <li>• Make group aware of any patches of nettles or brambles and how to avoid them.</li> </ul>	LOW
<p>Man-made hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing</li> <li>• Gates</li> </ul>	MEDIUM	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fences/gates are maintained.</li> <li>• Leader to visually carry out a daily site check at the beginning of the day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warn of any specific hazards present.</li> <li>• All participants to be briefed on types of fencing e.g. barbed wire and keeping safe distance</li> </ul>	LOW
<p>Open water hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drowning</li> <li>• Water-borne disease</li> </ul>	HIGH	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health &amp; safety briefing to include viewing of areas of water and related health risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities to be conducted well away from any open water</li> </ul>	LOW
<p>Domestic activity hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Food preparation</li> <li>• Fire building</li> <li>• Washing</li> </ul>	LOW	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campers to receive H&amp;S briefing on tent placement and dealing with sudden weather changes</li> <li>• Sealable storage boxes to be provided to enable all food to be kept clean and dry</li> <li>• Bottled water provided for food preparation, cleaning &amp; drinking</li> <li>• Fire H&amp;S briefing to cover safety with fires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire resistant gloves and eye protection provided</li> <li>• Fire extinguisher is provided onsite, alongside water bucket</li> </ul>	LOW