

**Back to the Wild CIC Overview RISK ASSESSMENT  
(Woodland & Field Habitats)**

<b>Back to the Wild CIC (B2W)</b>	<b>Venue:</b> Hellens and Hallwood <span style="float: right;"><b>Date:</b> 01/03/2020</span>
<b>ASPECTS TO CONSIDER</b> (List only actual hazards)	<b>CONTROL MEASURES</b>
<b>6 Key areas</b> are identified below where potential hazards may occur. These are the areas that must be reviewed before final approval is granted.	Written evidence that the six key areas have been considered
<p><b>PEOPLE</b></p> <p><b>1 Type of Group:</b> Young people with visiting staff/ parents. Maximum number of children = 15. Do the children have any special needs? Medical or behavioural issues? Do the visiting staff have any medical needs? Any nut or other allergies?</p> <p><b>2 Staffing:</b> Competence and suitable experience, reflecting the activity, the venue and the type of group is essential.</p>	<p>Supervision ratio of one adult to 12 children is the minimum level. B2W staff should have been informed of any children with any particular needs that may affect the activity. Examples may include children with behaviour problems, physical disabilities or medical conditions such as asthma. Visiting staff should make sure that any medication that is needed, such as inhalers or epi pens, is kept to hand. No nut products on site but some nut trees grow on site. Check visiting staff are physically able to supervise the children. Expected behaviour, rewards and sanctions explained on arrival at centre.</p> <p>All B2W staff have ample experience of facilitating activities and employ specialist outdoor leaders and craftspeople for specific camps. At least one member of the B2W staff has up to date first aid qualifications and will carry a fully stocked first aid kit. All venues used are familiar to the staff and are appropriate for the activity.</p>

## **CONTEXT**

### **3 Equipment:**

Suitable equipment is provided. Young people shown how to use equipment so that misuse is avoided.

Young people should have suitable clothing for the activity.

### **4 Venue/Environment:**

Hellens has well defined boundaries and a central car park for vehicles. There is a small possibility of getting lost on site. There are five ponds on site and a larger pond in the meadow - water hazards - risk of drowning. There are brambles, holly and stinging nettles on site and poisonous fungi at certain times of the year. Nut trees on site ( allergy?) Low branches and tree roots may also be a hazard. Exposure to extremes of weather cold, wet, heat and sun. Moving and lifting logs. Use of trowels.

Checks are made on the equipment before the activity to ensure it is safe for use.

Young people will be shown how to use tools and equipment.

B2W staff will advise children and visiting staff about the most suitable clothing to suit the weather and conditions.

On their introduction to the camp the young people are shown areas that are out of bounds. Young people are told that they must not go through any gates or over any fences and must be within sight of an adult during free time between activities.

Children and adults should have suitable footwear and clothing to provide protection from the weather (extremes of heat, cold and rain) and environmental hazards such as brambles, nettles, holly and insects. Shade and cover from rain will be erected if deemed necessary before the project. Plenty of fresh drinking water and handwashing facilities are available throughout.

Paths are checked regularly, undergrowth and low branches are trimmed when necessary. Children should only move small logs and must work in pairs to ensure fingers do not get caught under logs. Children told not to move round with logs or branches. Children shown how to hold trowels when walking and how to use them safely when digging. All told to wash their hands thoroughly after the activity.

**ORGANISATION**

**5 Travel:**

Suitability of vehicle and competence of driver. Identify main hazards for journey and stopping points.

On site activity.

**6. Emergency Procedures:**

Accidents and major incidents resulting in injury or other unforeseen events.

Emergency procedures are in place. 'Emergency Procedure' sheets are kept in our Folder for easy access by staff on site. When off site the lead staff member will carry a copy of the sheets with them. A first aid kit will always be on site. The lead visiting staff member should have access to the contact details and medical requirements for each child should an emergency occur

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Signed: Back to the Wild CIC Team

Date of assessment: 01/03/2020

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Copies of full risk assessments, staff DBS, First aid certificates and project Public liability Insurance available on request. Contact [info@hellensmanor.com](mailto:info@hellensmanor.com)