

RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips

Date of assessment April 08

Review date April 09

Assessor RS

Signature

Site **S4** Fishbourne Meadows, Stream, Pond and Reeds Beds DATE

Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Control Measures	Further action
Drowning – stream, channels, pond	All	2	6	12	Children advised to stay away from edges and keep to paths. Only allowed in stream when water levels allow safe entry. Good supervision of children. Briefing of children and helpers. Suitable footwear to minimise falling in stream. Trained first aider in group. Mobile phones and grid reference maps carried to summon help if required. CHC staff to be aware of time and height of high tide before entering reed beds.	
Animals	All	3	3	9	Supervisors to be aware of any dogs, swans or cattle.	
Poisonous plants eg water hemlock dropwort	Anyone coming into direct contact with plant	2	6	12	Visitors advised not to pick plants and to wash hands before eating.	
Falling off bridges	All	3	3	9	Groups advised to hold hand rails and walk with care.	
Falling on slippery banks and uneven ground	All	3	3	6	Groups advised not to stand too near edge, watch out where they are walking and watch out for holes.	
Weils disease		3	3	9	Avoid cuts to skin. Cover existing cuts with waterproof plaster, or gloves. Wash thoroughly before eating.	Spare waterproof gloves carried by CHC staff

Insect bites and stings	All	3	2	6	Groups advised to treat insects with care. Carry first aid kit.	
Stinging and sharp plants eg nettles, brambles, reeds	All	3	2	6	Groups advised not to handle plants and to take care when looking for insects. Advised not to run hands through reeds as they can be sharp.	
Hypothermia / sunburn / dehydration	All	3	2	6	Groups advised to wear suitable clothing and to use suntan cream and carry drinking water if it is hot.	
Trampling / damage to protected species	Marsh orchids	-	-	-	Group requested to stay on path whenever possible.	
Getting stuck in mud		3	2	6	Groups advised to keep off mud in reed beds and beware of boggy areas in meadow. Keep away from soft muddy areas at edges of stream.	