

Watchtree Nature Reserve

Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6NL

Location: All around the nature reserve

Title : Managing Groups of Children	Date of Assessment : 21/10/2020	Risk Assessor : Caroline Salkeld
Risk Assessment Reference : EDU 021	People involved in making this assessment : Caroline Salkeld	
Task/ Process : Managing groups of children	People at Risk : Employees, Volunteers, Children & Young Persons, Leaders of group visit	

Hazard : Electrical Mis-use of electrical items in the port-a-cabin. Tampering with electrical wiring or items.
Control Measures:
1. Supervision of group if they use the visitors center. The toilets are in the center in close proximity to the kitchen area. There are also other electrical goods in the cafe.
2. Supervision of children throughout the session. Ground rules communicated to children whereby equipment must not be used without adult supervision. Electrical items concealed or out of reach where possible. Clear instruction as to where children should not access.

Hazard : Public or Visitor Access Abduction assault by member of the public.
Control Measures:
1. Close supervision, 1:8 ratios of adults to children maintained. Regular head counts and boundaries to be set for each reserve activity..

Hazard : Road risk Harm by vehicles accessing the site, or vehicles in the carpark.
Control Measures:
1. Group leaders aware of vehicle access routes and do not access these areas. Car park area is not to be accessed during the session. Group remains in close proximity while moving around the reserve. High visibility tab bards are available to wear upon request.

Hazard : Uneven, Wet or Slippery Floors Slips, trips or falls due to uneven, slippery or wet floors
Control Measures:
1. Use the footpaths where possible. Footpaths and platforms are mostly fitted with kick rails and chicken wire for grip. Leaders to ensure children are wearing appropriate footwear for the varied activities (wellies, walking shoes or trainers).
2. The pond dipping platform has recently been replaced with reclaimed plastic. There is hand rail to prevent any accidents around the pond but verbal reminders to group must be given.
3. Leaders to supervise children and ensure that they listen to any safety warnings.

Hazard : Workplace Transport Children injured by transport accessing the site
Control Measures:

1. No vehicle access to the reserve aside from permitted contractors accessing designated routes. No pedestrian access to the routes use by these vehicles. Group supervision at all times. Group leaders to work to keep the group together to ensure supervision at all times.

2. Visitors are using bikes around the reserve. Be aware when walking along the footpaths that visitors may be riding bikes along side you.

3. Barrels with think rope attached have segregated the the road where vehicles may travel through the reserve to the fields.

Hazard : Water

Control Measures:

1. Ensure that leaders are aware of the risks. Leaders to highlight hazards to children and ensure children listen to safety warnings. Group leaders to keep the group together and stop any children entering the water. Boundaries to be set so that children are aware of areas out of bounds

2. The pond dipping platform has recently been replaced (Jan 2020). Ensure that children use the pond dipping equipment and the dipping area with caution.

3. There is a lifebuoy attached to the pond dipping platform for health and safety purposes.

4. Be aware that there can be sitting water along the footpath edge in the grassy area. The puddles can often be quite deep. Encourage children to safely use the footpaths.

Hazard : Hazardous Substances

Control Measures:

1. Ensure that leaders are aware of the risks. Leaders to highlight hazards to children. Leaders to ensure children listen to safety warnings. Hand Washing facilities on site. Leaders to ensure these are used after activities. Open wounds to be covered.

Documents Associated with this Risk Assessment: WNR Easter session 2.docx()

Review Date : 04/10/2021 **Reviewer :** Caroline Salkeld