

Watchtree Nature Reserve

Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6NL

Location: Nature Reserve

Title : Wheelchair User Access - Reserve	Date of Assessment : 12/06/2015	Risk Assessor : Ryan Dobson
Risk Assessment Reference : RA013	People involved in making this assessment : Ryan Dobson	
Task/ Process : Visiting wheelchair users accessing all areas of the reserve	People at Risk : Employees, Volunteers, New and Expectant Mothers, Service Users, Children & Young Persons, Visitors	

Hazard : Manual handling Over exertion of wheelchair user or assistant leading to injury
Control Measures:
1. Maps and directional signs informing all visitors of size and scale of the reserve
2. All trails maintained in a condition suitable for wheelchair use
3. Each wheelchair user; like all public visitors to the reserve, is responsible for assessing their own suitability to the length and condition of our trails and deciding whether they are confident undertaking them.

Hazard : Public or Visitor Access Areas of the reserve which may cause difficulty for a wheelchair user
Control Measures:
1. All trails maintained in a condition suitable for wheelchair use
2. All wheelchair accessible areas contain no steps or obstacles which may obstruct the user
3. Each wheelchair user; like all public visitors to the reserve, is responsible for assessing their own suitability to the length and condition of our trails and deciding whether they are confident undertaking them.

Hazard : Uneven, Wet or Slippery Floors Causing lose of control, leading to injury
Control Measures:
1. All outdoor trail surfaces are suitable for wet and dry conditions
2. In icy conditions dangerously slippy areas are closed to all public or the whole reserve may be closed.
3. On narrower trails within the woodland, their is no cycle access allowed in order to avoid overtaking or frequent passing.

Documents Associated with this Risk Assessment:	
Review Date : 01/04/2022	Reviewer : Ryan Dobson