

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Pot Holing (Warden led) Willesley Scout Campsite	Date of risk assessment	28 th March 2021	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Peter Bailey
	(Covid 19 restrictions included)	Date of next review	28 th March 2022		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Unauthorised use	Campsite	All access points are locked shut when not in use.	
Atmosphere	Participants	All access points to be opened up at least 10 minutes before a session starts to ensure the caving system is fully ventilated. Any water within system should be pumped out prior to session starting.	
Lack of knowledge	Participants	Safety talk before start of session to reinforce wearing of safety helmets, gloves are available, taking a torch in if required, no horse play and shout out if in a panic.	
Injury	Participants	Wear head protection, no horse play, gloves available, floor kept clear of objects and activity controlled by competent person.	
Getting lost	Participants	Count participants in and out of course, leader checks course regularly and at start and finish of session.	
Panic/rescue	Participants	No tight access, own torches can be taken in, two emergency access points unlocked during sessions, silver hatch is removed and black hatch is locked open, leader observes all users and maximum of 6 participants allowed in at any one time,	
Falling into hole	Spectators or other campers	Emergency access hatches and main access are fenced off during sessions and fully locked shut when not running session.	
Weather	Participants	Weather and participants monitored and if gets too wet and so becomes unsafe then the activity should be stopped,	

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Covid 19 restrictions	Participants	Leaders and participants should wear face covering in accordance with current national guidance, hands sanitised before and after, social distancing maintained unless rescue is required, numbers limited to achieve social distancing.	
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