

## NORTH DEVON DISTRICT SCOUTS

### GENERAL GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COLLARD BRIDGE CAMPSITE

These risks must be brought to the attention of all persons who use the campsite and facilities. All users of the site must have carried out their own Generic and Dynamic Risk Assessment before using the site.

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HAZARD	DANGER/RESULT	HOW DO WE REDUCE THE RISK?/CONTROLS
Main gate and the security of the site	Strangers on site could cause problems	Keep the gate locked whenever possible and especially at night to prevent unauthorised access- advise the Camp Warden for appropriate action
River Yeo and deep water	Drowning Injuries Risk of Flooding	Everyone to follow the river 'out of bounds' policy, as set out in the campsite rules. Supervision at all times with boundaries set.
Cars and other site traffic	Accidents caused by vehicles- injury	Speed warning sign by the main gate 'DANGER CHILDREN – KEEP YOUR SPEED DOWN' SPEED LIMIT SIGNS 10 MPH. Instruct children and adults of potential hazard.
Falling tree branches hitting someone	Trees/branches falling during high winds	Tree survey carried out annually and recommendations implemented as necessary. Be aware of potential hazards when camping near trees
Excess rain/muddy	Cuts, sprains, breaks	Brief on dangers of slipping in muddy conditions. Apply First Aid as appropriate.

<b>Flooding</b>	<b>Danger to life</b>	<b>All users of the campsite to be made aware of flood evacuation plan and safe routes out of the campsite in event of flooding. Camp site staff to monitor river levels and if concerned check on EA Flood warning site.</b>
<b>Uneven terrain through the campsite, woods &amp; paths</b>	<b>Physical injury from trips, falls, etc.</b>	<b>Brief on dangers of tripping/falling as necessary. Give First Aid immediately</b>
<b>Stream sites</b>	<b>Flooding, steep bank, falls</b>	<b>Leaders to warn children not to build dams and to be aware of steep banks, tree roots etc.</b>
<b>Shooting/Archery</b>	<b>Missiles causing injury</b>	<b>All users briefed and must follow Leader/Instructor directions. (refer note 1)</b>
<b>Climbing Tower</b>	<b>Falls, overhead falling objects</b>	<b>Brief all users and obey onsite Leader instructions. Wear hard hat and suitable footwear (refer note 1)</b>
<b>Standing on sharp nails in the wood pile</b>	<b>Injuries by sharp objects and/or trips, falls etc.</b>	<b>All persons entering the wood pile area must wear suitable footwear 'DANGER NAILS – BOOTS TO BE WORN' signs displayed Leaders to supervise</b>
<b>Camp fire area – open fire</b>	<b>Embers entering eye / burns</b>	<b>All persons using the area must be supervised at all times Spectators to be kept away from the fire – use seating area provided Fires to be kept a reasonable size No accelerants to be used to light the fire fire extinguisher provided</b>
<b>Campsite cooking areas, altar fires only.</b>	<b>Fire risk to surrounds, burns, scalds etc.</b>	<b>Each site has a dedicated altar fire area no fires are not allowed other than in the authorised areas. Fires must not be left unattended and all area must be</b>

<b>Fire lighting</b>	<b>Fire risk to surrounds and burns.</b>	<p>clear before leaving site and COLD ashes remove to area behind the wood pile (see Warden). Groups to ensure buckets of water are situated in the fire cooking area.</p> <p>For SMALL ground leave fires for training at see Warden for dedicated area between site 7 and 8</p>
<b>Uncontrolled fire of hedges/wood</b>	<b>Fire risk to surrounds and others</b>	<p>Inform others by shouting, ring FIRE bell at flag pole and gather on arena. Ring Fire Service and inform Site Warden</p>
<b>Electrical equipment throughout the site and power lines on site 8</b>	<b>Electrocution</b>	<p>No Electrical equipment on site i.e. generators or connection to site supply. All power line cables indicated with 'DANGER' signs All switchgear and installations inspected biannually by a competent electrical contractor – any defects are rectified at that time or when otherwise identified/notified to the Warden</p>
<b>Wooden Bridge adjacent to Climbing Tower and walk way between site 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Falls resulting in injuries</b>	<p>Brief all members of potential dangers. Supervise those activities where danger risks can be perceived.</p>
<b>Tree Swings</b>	<b>Falls resulting in injuries</b>	<p>Unofficial tree swings are forbidden unless assessed and approved by Camp Warden</p>
<b>Low ropes/Assault course</b>	<b>Falls resulting in injuries</b>	<p>Leaders shall be conversant with the equipment and supervise the activity at all times. They cannot be used without prior permission of the Campsite Warden.</p>

**NOTES:**

1. **The Climbing Towers and the Archery/Shooting Range areas are covered by their own risk assessments. Qualified Instructors will be present during these activities.**
2. **All site users must be made aware of the contents of this risk assessment and follow the advice given above. You must follow the Campsite rules. (Refer to the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules Chapter 9 Activities)**
3. **Campers must have copies of their risk assessments e.g. Food & Personal Hygiene, Cooking on Stoves, Woodcraft etc. for the Camp Warden to review, when requested.**
4. **First Aid Kits are a necessity for all camps and visits.**

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**Date: .....1st April 2016.....**

**Note: *These Risk Assessments have been carried out in accordance with “The Scout Association” Fact Sheet Safety in Scouting FS129999 and the Policy Organisation and Rules Chapter 9.***