

High Adventure Gorge Walking Risk Assessment

Last Review of this risk assessment: 13/04/2023

Minimum Leader qualification:	Ickornshaw Beck - In house training or an appropriate level of experience.				
	Strans Gill - In house training and RCI				
	For any other venue, the equipment and qualifications required to run the sessions must be discussed with the Senior Management team. Each venue, depending on the water levels and obstacles throughout will depend on the qualification and ratios required for the session.				
Max group size with Leader:	12				
All Instructors should be making dynamic risk assessments on the day taking into account the weather conditions, the group's ability & any other factors that may change.					
<u>Essential equipment</u>					
Personal: Appropriate clothing, helmet, appropriate well fastened footwear, change of clothes and towel.					
Group: Appropriate clothing, helmet, change of clothes and towel.					
Instructor: Phone, first aid kit, group shelter, hot drink, throw line (not Ickornshaw Beck), emergency food, whistle, knife, spare emergency clothing for group (cannot supply for full group, must have some basics, EG: hats, gloves, etc..)					
Activity/ Process/ Operation	What are the Hazards to Health and Safety	What Risks do they pose and to whom?	Risk Level	What precautions have been taken to reduce the risk?	Risk Level Achieved
			H/M/L		H/M/L
	Slip trips and falls.	All staff and participants.	M	Thorough group briefing making them aware of the slippy conditions under foot. Using spotters where necessary. Ensuring everyone is wearing appropriate footwear. Helmets must be worn throughout the activity.	L
	Items falling from above	All staff and	M	Helmets must be worn throughout the activity. Staff training on the venue.	L

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During the Activity.	Items falling from above.	participants.	L	Pre visit and dynamic risk assessment throughout particularly after high water.	L
	Equipment failure.	All staff and participants.	L	All equipment regularly inspected according to policies. Pre use check to be carried out.	L
	Drowning.	All staff and participants.	M	Checking the weather to check the water levels aren't too high. Buoyancy aids must be worn where risk assessments state. Appropriate staff training on group management and dynamic risk assessments.	L
	Hypothermia.	All staff and participants.	H	Ensure that everyone is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Closely monitoring the group for signs of hypothermia.	M

The following Risk Assessments are site specific. All site specific Risk Assessments only have addition information specific to the site. The Risk assessment above still applies to these sites, the following is additional information.

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Ickornshaw Beck.					
Personal: As general risk assessment, plus buoyancy aid.					
Group: As general risk assessment, plus buoyancy aid.					
During the Activity.	Clay Pits.	All staff and participants.	M	Staff training on where they are. Not allowing anyone to stand or play in them.	L
				Group management to avoid them.	
		All staff and		Appropriate group management.	

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ACTIVITY.	Walking along the road.	All staff and participants.	M	Group briefing on how to behave and act on the road.	L
	Fallen trees and flood debris.	All staff and participants.	M	Staff training. Dynamic risk assessment as you go along the Beck.	L

Strans Gill is highly effected by the water and therefore the environment, PPE and qualifications required can vary. You must always consult with a member of the senior management team prior for your session to decide what is most appropriate for that day.

Strans Gill.

Personal: As general risk assessment, plus harness.

Group: As general risk assessment, plus harness.

Instructor: As general risk assessment, plus rigging rope and karabiners.

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During the Activity.	Climbs and scrambles.	All staff and participants	H	Appropriate staff training on how best to manage each climb. Spotting to be used. Ropes to be used on necessary climbs.	M
	Flooding.	All staff and participants	H	Checking the weather before running the session so it is known how much rain fall is expected. Staff training on signs for the water level rising.	M