

## The Ranch - General Risk Assessment.

Risk Assessment completed 5/1/2024. To be reviewed 5/1/2025.

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HAZARD OBSERVED	RISK BEFORE CONTROL MEASURES	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING
Entry and exit on to site.	Risk of collision with traffic due to poor visibility on turning.	All visitors to site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hedges to be cut back to provide improved visibility.</li> <li>• Signage to warn traffic of turning vehicles.</li> </ul>		Low
Car park	Injury, death.	All visitors on to site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car parking area fenced off to minimise access to pupils.</li> <li>• Double gates to ensure animals have no access to road.</li> </ul>	Pupils informed in induction.	Low
Risk of animals on site.	Injury caused by bites, kicks, scratches, pecks or trampling.	All visitors to site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All animals are selected for their docile nature.</li> <li>• All visitors to the Ranch will receive an introduction and advice on safety around the Ranch and animals.</li> <li>• All animal contact is supervised on a 2-1 basis for AP pupils. • Session leader MUST ensure that pupils wash hands after animal contact. • Regular inspection by Vets.</li> <li>• Feeding of animals is strictly supervised, and no tasting of animal feed allowed.</li> <li>• Trained first aider always on site.</li> <li>• First aid kit on site.</li> </ul>	<p>All visitors must be recorded in the visitor log - Highlighting all H&amp;S procedures.</p> <p>There is running water on site with soap and paper towels.</p>	Low

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handling techniques demonstrated prior to entering areas.</li> <li>• Advise on animal behavior.</li> <li>• Staff to be aware.</li> </ul>		
Lost children	Child leaves site or separated from group.	Pupils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All team members have access to mobile phones and walkie-talkie devices to report missing child.</li> <li>• Group leaders must have a list of children in their care and carry out periodic checks when moving around the Ranch.</li> <li>• Missing/absence policy in place.</li> <li>• No pupils accepted who are high risk to abscond from site.</li> </ul>	All staff are aware of policy. 2-1 Child to staff ratio to ensure no child is left unsupervised.	Low
Uneven surfaces	Slip, trip or fall,	All visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors to the site will be advised to wear suitable footwear and take care when walking.</li> <li>• Appropriate signage displayed where possible.</li> <li>• Group leaders should be aware of the risks of wet grass, mud and uneven surfaces and supervise accordingly.</li> <li>• Uneven due to being English Heritage site.</li> <li>• Frequent reassessment of suitable routes around the site.</li> </ul>		Medium
Use of tools	Injury from tools, self and others.	All visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction on the correct use, transportation and storage of tools.</li> <li>• All tools secured away when not in use.</li> <li>• All pupils are supervised when using any tools.</li> <li>• Ensure tools are in good working order.</li> <li>• Advice and demonstration of correct techniques.</li> <li>• 2-1 staffing ratio.</li> </ul>		Medium
Fencing	Cuts, scratches from wire. Electric shock from electric fencing.	All visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors and pupils advised of the risk on induction.</li> <li>• Appropriate signage.</li> <li>• 2-1 staffing ratio.</li> <li>• No climbing on fencing.</li> </ul>		Low
Unscheduled visitors.	Risk to vulnerable groups on site.	Vulnerable groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to approach all visitors and ascertain their purpose on site.</li> <li>• All pupils are supervised 2-1 to ensure appropriate supervision</li> </ul>		Medium

Infectious diseases - Zoonosis & toxoplasmosis.	Infectious diseases spread between animals and humans.	All visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect any breaks in the skin.</li> <li>• Avoid contact with eyes and mouth.</li> <li>• Correct handwashing techniques.</li> <li>• Advise on correct procedures.</li> <li>• Supervision.</li> <li>• For national/local outbreaks follow advise from DEFRA or other regulatory body.</li> </ul>	Hand washing facilities on site.	Medium
No electric on site.	Loss of services.	All visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ranch mobile to be charged overnight to ensure full battery.</li> <li>• Power bank in main office to charge mobile and laptop. • Individual power banks for staff.</li> </ul>		Low
Standing water.	Risk of drowning.	All visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable drainage in car park and ditch.</li> <li>• Area assessed after heavy rain - Adequate control measures to be put in place and areas fenced off if required.</li> </ul>		Low
Storage of waste.	Contamination .	All visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fenced off areas with appropriate signage.</li> <li>• Recycling area with appropriate storage.</li> <li>• Demonstration of correct techniques.</li> <li>• Clear advice to pupils of potential risks.</li> <li>• Tidy environment.</li> </ul>		Low
Extreme Weather.	Injury or feeling unwell.	All visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent breaks advised in Den or shaded area.</li> <li>• Appropriate clothing/sun cream strongly advised.</li> <li>• Fluid available.</li> <li>• Work at individual's pace.</li> <li>• Provide a warm area if required.</li> <li>• Continual assessment and constant review of conditions.</li> <li>• Risk assesses specific activities.</li> <li>• Team leader to ensure all entry, exit and pathways are clear and safe to use. This will be completed prior to arrivals of pupils. • Any actions noted in daily log.</li> <li>• Team leader to liaise with Directors and responsible parties if site closure is required, for example heavy snow or extreme winds.</li> </ul>		Medium

Chemicals/hazardous material	Swallowing, burns, rashes and inhalation.	All visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correct storage - Locked away from pupil access.</li><li>• Close supervision and monitoring.</li><li>• All products are clearly labeled.</li><li>• Wear PPE if required.</li><li>• No pupils to use hazardous materials.</li></ul>		Medium-high
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