



A	ADMINISTRATION SECTION	Service: Regeneration P & E Greenspace Development	Team: Ranger Interpretation Services (RIS)	Location: Croxteth Hall & Country Park Croxteth hall Lane, Liverpool, L12 OHB
	Date: January 2009	Reference : Park Ponds & River Study 09	Assessor: Martin O'Connor / Education Officer	RIS Manager: Giles Nance

B	Assessment of risk for: All persons engaged on field studies in Park Ponds and / or a River Study - hazards are presented through the location in a wetland or pond habitat and river environment.
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C	List Hazards Here	List Groups of people at risk	List Existing Controls	Priority
Ser N ^o	Activities may be weather / river dependant			
1	Child Protection; Water hazard ; State of river, depth of river and rate of flow. The river can be variable in its state, dependent on weather conditions on day or preceding days. An assessment must be made, before commencement of any River Study Activities, of the state of the water levels, rate of flow and suitability, safety and proximity of access points to the water.	Children / Guides Children, Students,	All Rangers are CRB checked in accordance with LCC policy. Monitor local water levels and weather conditions- no admittance to water unattended	Low
a	numbers in water – control for safe water studies	ditto	ditto, plus status of river banks and access points to the water	Low
2	State of banks; may be wet or contain obstacles and trip hazards	ditto, plus adults	Restrict numbers / access to water at any one time. No more than 4 in water at any one time.	
3	Obstacles and trip hazards in the river	ditto	ditto, plus guides to advise all care proceeding to water entry point, if bank-side is wet or unsound underfoot	Low
4	Handling items from the river or river bank	ditto	groups and individuals advised not to pick up items out of river, ie sharp objects or biological hazards – animal matter (live or dead), animal faeces, or chemical pollutants and their containers of any type. Activities in the water to be closely supervised by guides and other adult helpers, if available, from the river-bank.	Low
5	River- dipping - safety in the water – levels, ground cover on banks,	ditto, plus adults;	When river dipping all activities by all members of group to be closely monitored by guide.	Low
6	Bio – hazards and pollution	guides, teachers or adult helpers / volunteers	as above, plus guide to advise all to wash hands after exposure to water and exposure to soil / mud .	Low
7	Unforeseen emergency	ditto	Guide to be in contact with ranger base through radio system at all times. Ranger- base to summon help or provide first aid if required.	High

Risk Priority: **High** Accident likely with possibility of serious injury or loss
Medium Possibility of accident occurring causing minor injury or loss
Low Accident unlikely with control measures in place

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D	Controls (Ser N ^o . to correspond with hazard Ser N ^o .)	E To be completed by manager.			
Ser N ^o	Additional controls required	Action to be taken	By whom	Completion Date	Task Completed (Signed & Dated)
1	Education guides to monitor weather and prevailing river conditions	as left	RIS	Jan 03	January 12th 2009
a	Introductory talk to include safety information and details on how to avoid potential hazards in and out of the water. Limit numbers to 4 in water at any one time.	all group leaders informed to give safety talk prior to commencement of water-based activities. Control access to water (numbers)	ditto		
2	Reiterate advice on how to approach water safely, also children must wear suitable clothing and footwear (wellingtons) as river- bank may be wet. No one allowed in river without wellingtons.		ditto	ditto	ditto
3 4	All participants instructed not to pick up sharp objects from river surrounds or river- bed or unfamiliar objects, tins or containers of any type. Instructions about biological hazards – also no “splashing” of water or putting hands in mouths until washed.	ditto plus repeat instructions of intentions and be watchful for any potential hazard or risk	ditto	ditto	ditto
5	Ensure safe foothold whilst river dipping, no “inappropriate activities” – pushing etc in the water. Guide to monitor.	Guide to monitor	ditto	ditto	ditto
6	Report any potential hazards or pollutants. Avoid any contamination by leaving any reported or seen hazard to the Park authorities.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto
7	Emergencies to be reported promptly to Ranger base. Group guides must assess the capabilities of all children involved in water based activities on the day.	ditto		ditto	ditto
Once the additional control measures are implemented, what is the overall Risk / Action Priority for the activity now? HIGH, MEDIUM or LOW (Please circle)					
Copies: Manager x 1 To ensure that operatives & relevant TU Safety Reps have all the required information relating to controls and relevant documentation detailed in section F below			Assessment Review Date: January 2010		
Health and Safety Officer x 1 (including documentation identified in section F)			This author M. O’Connor <i>Signed:</i> Reviewed by GILES NANCE		
F			Date: 12 th January 2009		
Cross Reference		This Risk Assessment is cross referenced with:			
		SWP No.....			
		Other (please specify)			