

EVENT SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT



Visit details: A-Level Biology (Ponds or streams)

Carried out by: Suntrap Forest Education Centre

Date: Jan 2017

Issue	How to manage it
Understanding/behaviour	School staff to ensure that students follow instructions given by Suntrap staff. School to ensure that there are appropriate adult: student ratios as required.
Medical conditions	School staff to ensure medication is brought out into the forest. All adults to be made aware of any medical conditions. Suntrap staff will carry a first aid kit.
Getting lost	Keep within sight of teacher/adult & observe boundaries as directed by the staff.
Choking/Poisoning/Stinging	No eating outside unless directly instructed by Suntrap staff.
Falling branches	During extreme weather conditions Suntrap staff will make an assessment to ensure it is safe to enter the forest.
Injury from horses/dogs or bikes	Group to be instructed to stand to the side, be quiet and still when horses, dogs or bikes are near.
Accident when crossing the road/walking along the road side	Group to be instructed on follow safe procedures for crossing roads (Suntrap Line). No one to walk across the cattle grid. Students instructed to walk at side of road, not on the road.
Injury through falling & throwing	Climbing of trees and throwing sticks/stones prohibited. Students wear suitable footwear for the terrain (advised by Suntrap staff) and choose sensible route.
Getting wet/cold	Clothing should be appropriate for weather conditions. i.e hat, coat and gloves.
Deep water	Students instructed on safe method to collect water and animals from the pond/stream.

	Suntrap staff to carry throw line.
Water borne disease	Students instructed to cover open cuts on hands or to keep cuts dry. Hands should be washed with warm soapy water before eating lunch/snack.
Injury from unsafe/improper use of equipment	Suntrap staff to advise students on safe use of equipment, e.g. sweep net at the pond.