

Risk Assessment – Schools Activity: Guided Walks

ACTIVITY ASSESSED Nature Walk / Mini Beast Hunt / Solar Walk / Celestial Kitchen		ASSESSMENT DATE October 2003 (last reviewed: January 2010 , EJR)	
ACTIVITY LOCATION Wynyard Woodland Park		ASSESSED BY David Neal Countryside Ranger	
HAZARD	Who's at risk?	PRECAUTIONS	RISK LEVEL
Outdoor Environment	Children, teachers, parents and WWP staff.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The trail the children will be walking will be checked on a daily basis for hazards such as fallen or overhanging branches and any other hazards. Make children aware of areas of nettles or shrubs with thorns such as bramble. Make children aware of the dangers of running on muddy and wet grass covered areas. 	Medium
Railway carriage and Tilery Hut		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Both buildings comprise of just one room and the fire exits are clearly signed. A fire extinguisher is located in the building in case of a fire. 	Medium
Supervision		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> There should be adequate supervision of large numbers of children. We advise a ratio of one adult to six children. 	Medium
Adverse weather conditions		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The weather can be sometimes wet and cold (especially if the school visit is in the Autumn/Winter). Prior to the visit, schools are advised to inform pupils to wear warm clothing, waterproofs and sensible footwear. If it has been raining heavily or if there is ice on the ground. Children should be warned about the slippery conditions, especially along footpaths where there are steps. 	Medium
First Aid		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Several members of staff at Wynyard Woodland Park are trained in 'First Aid' and a first aid kit will be taken out on site. Site staff to carry mobile phones at all times. 	Medium
Minibeast hunting		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rangers are to advise on the safe use of equipment used during minibeast hunting. Rangers will advise on the safe movement of log piles during the minibeast hunt. Children will be asked to wash their hands following the activity. 	Medium
Solar Walk		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Children are asked to be aware of other park users and not to block footpaths to the exclusion of other visitors during this activity. 	Low
Celestial Kitchen		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Celestial Kitchen sculpture is safe for children to climb upon and explore in a sensible manner (treat as if a play area on a hard surface). Surface is concrete & sculpture is metal with many protrusions – care must be taken as there are many tripping hazards. While the sculpture is meant to be explored, it is not designed as play equipment. 	Medium

