



1st Kesgrave Scout Group

Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk IP5 1JF

Name of activity, section, event, and location	1 st Kesgrave Scout Group - Orienteering / Geocaching	Date of risk assessment	16 June 2022	Name of person who undertook this risk assessment	Alan Comber (working with others)
		Date of next review	28 Dec 2022		

This document covers orienteering and geocaching. This can be in your local area, in the countryside or urban area or in more challenging area that require walking permits. The majority of the requirements are covered by the walks, hikes, hill walking and expeditions risk assessment. Please refer to that for the risk assessment for the route / area being used. This risk assessment just covers the incremental differences, It should also be read in conjunction with the section meeting risk assessment which covers generic items.

Hazard identified? Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<p>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.</p> <p>The risk is the harm may occur from the hazard.</p>	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it.</p> <p>For example, you may use a different piece of equipment, or you might change the way you do the activity.</p>	<p>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you are doing or even stop the activity.</p> <p>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</p>
Lone working – People on their own - risk of a medical or other incident occurring they cannot deal with adequately	Leaders and helpers	No one should be left/walking alone unless in an emergency when no other option is available.	
Traffic – injuries from collisions between vehicles and people	All present	<i>See Section meeting risk assessment for details – particularly dropping off and collecting people.</i>	
Terrain - Unsuitable terrain, steep descents	All present	<p><i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i></p> <p>If the event is going to be timed, with the possibility of participants running around,</p>	

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		then check the area is suitable for this type of activity ie for rabbit holes, lots of trip hazards etc	
Manual Handling – back injuries, strains, cuts, bruises etc	All present	All kit carried should be within the capability of the individual carrying it and take account of weather conditions.	
Facilities	All present	Consider whether toilets or other facilities are required.	
Equipment used – injuries to people during the activity.	All present	<p><i>See Section meeting risk assessment for details – particularly checking equipment before use, put away after use clean and dry.</i></p> <p>Ensure all kit used is in a good condition and suitable for the orienteering event being undertaken. Report any damaged or faulty equipment.</p> <p>Check that the kit being used is appropriate for the age of the young people involved ie they can use it etc.</p>	
Materials / Rubbish – cuts, allergic reactions, contamination, stains etc.	All present	Ensure any rubbish and unused materials are removed at appropriate intervals during and at the end of any activity.	
Clothing / Personal kit - footwear and clothing.	All present	<p>Ensure everyone is provided with a kit list that takes account of the terrain, activities being undertaken, forecast weather and time of year, along with any spares that should be brought.</p> <p>All participants to wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions, type of terrain and time of year and carry spare clothing.</p> <p>Ensure suitable footwear is always worn commensurate with the type of terrain you are walking on and the weather conditions ie good quality walking boots / shoes for hiking, trainers for pavements etc</p> <p>Wear long trousers and long- sleeved tops walking through long grass, woods etc where ticks and mosquitos are a potential problem.</p> <p>Walking sticks to be considered and used as appropriate.</p> <p>Leaders to assess the need to take spare clothing (coats, gloves, hats, etc) and kit (survival bags, ropes etc) to cater for weather conditions, the terrain and possible health issues.</p>	
Food – health and hygiene issues etc	All present	<p><i>See Section meeting risk assessment for details</i></p> <p>Ensure food is planned for the event that takes account of the facilities available, that is</p>	

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		<p>nutritionally healthy and provides sufficient calories to cover the expected energy levels required.</p> <p>Store food in accordance with food safety guidelines and adequately protected.</p>	
Preparation - Unsuitable route, inexperience etc	All present	<p><i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i></p> <p>Avoid finding/putting orienteering markers or geocaches in potentially dangerous locations – near steep edges, near water, high up etc.</p> <p>Create a master map that identifies the exact locations or has hints or answers on it for the use of leaders on the day to help the participants as necessary or find the location in an emergency.</p>	Supported by Leaders as required
Orienteering Activity - injury and harm to participants		<p><i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i></p> <p>Provide all participants with instructions before the start of the activity, that covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What they are doing/trying to achieve • Any timings • Where they should start and where to finish • Not to go off the course / marked area in-case an emergency team needs to find them 	Support group as required - have route plans and maps
Personal Well Being - exhaustion, sunburn, Hyperthermia, eye strain, hypothermia, bites etc	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
Peer Led Activities	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
Behaviour – horseplay, overexcitement, injuries.	All taking part	<p>Participants will only be able to take part in the event if leaders are sure their behaviour is safe</p> <p>Behaviour will be monitored for horseplay, dangerous activities etc and the activity will be stopped or a cooling off period introduced if the activity gets out of hand or injuries are likely to happen. A clear communication method will be used to stop the activity if necessary.</p>	
Behaviour – Inappropriate / Inadequate Leadership	Leaders and Helpers	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
Behaviour - Confrontation /	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	

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interactions with members of public			
Emergencies / Incidents	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
Security / Kit Theft	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
Lost / Safeguarding – physical / mental harm, abduction	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i> Ensure leaders have a master map that identifies the exact locations or has hints or answers on it to help the participants as necessary or find the locations in an emergency.	Support group as required - have route plans and maps
Weather Extremes – accidents and injuries	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
First Aid / Injuries that need treatment / Incident	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
Accessibility / Inclusiveness / Health Issues	All present	<i>As Walks, Hikes, Hill Walking, Expeditions risk assessment.</i>	
Emergency access routes - delays in emergency services arriving and gaining access causing more harm	All present	Ensure emergency access points are known and not blocked / locked.	