

Bramhope Scout Campsite Risk assessment – Low Ropes Course

Name of activity, event, and location	Use of Low Ropes Course @ Bramhope Scout Campsite	Date of risk assessment	13/5/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Angie Foley John Smallwood
		Date of next review	1/5/2025		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review, <i>ensure comments are passed to Site Manager</i>
Correct Personal protection equipment (PPE)	All involved in activity	Leader in Charge (LinC) of activity to be appointed by group using equipment. LinC will have overall charge and responsibility for safety and discipline. LinC to ensure all helmets are fitted correctly prior to young person entering the course.	
Damaged or Faulty Equipment Fall onto sharp objects: bigger branches/stones	All involved in activity	Site Manager to undertake weekly visual check of course equipment. Annual full inspection to be completed by independent company. Course to be checked by LinC before activity commences Site management to observe stated maintenance schedule. Helmets to be cleaned as required, following manufacturers recommendations. No detergents.	
Fall/collision with trees	All involved in activity	Briefing given by LinC prior to activity starting regarding caution when moving from one area to another. Suitable helmets to be worn. Fittings to be checked by LinC Adequate 'spotting' for nervous or younger participants.	
Entanglement in course equipment	All involved in activity	Briefing to include removal of jewellery (rings/necklaces/piercings) LinC to check suitable clothing is worn. Flowing sleeves/scarves etc to be removed or tucked into clothing	
Rope burns	All involved in activity	Briefing from LinC re use of ropes, advise how to release when gripping ropes not letting slide through hands	
Being fallen on by participant	All involved in activity	Suitable PPE to be worn 'Spotting' brief by LinC. All Leaders to support activity.	
Misuse of course/inappropriate behaviour	All involved in activity	Adequate leader/young person ratios. Briefing from LinC prior to activity regarding behaviour standards Group Leaders to help maintain discipline. Lack of leader support may mean session is terminated. Persistent indiscipline may result in the young person being excluded or the session being terminated	
Absence of Zip wire	All activity users	Participants to exit course from planks before final platform. End platform taped with warning tape to show no access	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

