

TOWNSEND CENTRE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT



Activity: River Wey Study	No: SA15	Assessor:	Date:	Location: River Wey, Weymouth	Centre or school led: Centre
Hazard		Control Measures			Who's affected?
Check sites prior to use		Make sure permission is sought from EA or land owners prior to use of the sites. Find out about local conditions on the day.			All
Getting wet - falling into the river (shallow)		Brief to ensure sensible behaviour.			P
Drowning - falling into the river (deep)		Establish working area with boundaries and supervise the group at all times. Make a judgement about the water level and velocity of the river. Watch out for deep areas on meanders. Centre staff to carry a throw rope and survival blanket.			P
Falling in river wet, cold or injury		Sections of river chosen are fairly easily accessible. Safety brief given to students. Get pupil dry and warm as soon as possible and monitor to see if can continue or needs to return to centre. Centre staff to carry some spare dry clothing. Centre staff will need to show pupils areas of the river that are deeper where special care needs to be taken.			P, CS, SS
Slipping / tripping on wet banks or rocks.		Brief students on accessing the river and taking measurements(in particular storm drain and bridges) Safety briefing, sensible shoes, supervision, no running or jumping			P, CS, SS
Water borne diseases		State of river visually assessed for any obvious pollution risk. Ensure cuts are covered and avoid water if broken skin is deemed a hazard. Staff to carry anti-bacterial wipes / hand wash solution to use after each site and especially before eating. Use proper hand washing facilities were available (Upwey and Radipole)			P, CS, SS
Unwanted rubbish in the river		Centre staff to visually check site before going into the river and take appropriate decision (clear some things if appropriate).			P
Barbed wire fence		Safety brief. First aid available.			P
Livestock (donkeys, ducks, horses, cows)		Safety brief about care to be taken if approached by an animal.			P,SS

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Vegetation in particular nettles	Warn group. Try to avoid areas of nettles. First aid available.	P
Working near road side (Mill Street)	Safety brief. Road not particularly busy but try to keep right in close to Ford or wall and if not recording measurements wait on footbridge.	P, CS, SS
Traffic	Especially in Radipole Car Park and the road crossing to get there if parking in coach park. Safety brief and see GA9, GA10	P, CS, SS
General	GA3 - Open water, GA9 - walking on roads, GA11 - Group walking,	

Signature of Head of Centre/Staff:

Date:

Review Date: