

Bushcraft Activities

Risk Assessment and Safety Note

Department: All		Site: Farm and Bushcraft area	
Assessor: Jamie Butler Reviewer: Ian Gosling		Assessment Date: 16-5-17 Review Date: 2025 Reviewed: 24 th May 2017, 4 th July 2018. 20 th May 2020 12/10/2020 13/4/22, 23 rd May 2023, 12 th Oct 2024	
Task Description: Customers participating in bushcraft activities and instructors assisting and instructing them.			
Personnel Affected: Customers and staff.			
Potential Hazards		Control Measures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Preparation. Poor hygiene and wrong identification of food, could lead to illness. 2. Fire making and Hot Stuff. Fire and heat are part of the Bushcraft experience. Hazards include fire spreading through the campsite/wood, people burning themselves on hot things. 3. Use of sharp objects/tools is part of the experience. People could cut/injure themselves on these tools. 4. Slips and Trips. Natural dangers lurk in the woods. These could trip people up. 5. Inclement weather. Very hot/cold temperatures, wind and rain could cause heatstroke/hypothermia and flying objects in camp could harm people. 6. Trees. Trees in poor health could fall and harm people. 7. Animals/insects could cause bites and stings 8. Compost toilets could be a hygiene issue. 9. Transmission of contagious diseases 		<p>All bushcraft instructors to be fully trained in food preparation and have food hygiene certificates.</p> <p>Attendees to the centre to be trained or supervised in safe use of the facility.</p> <p>Serviced fire extinguishers to be on site. Fire assembly point made known to attendees. Fires to be made safe on leaving bushcraft area.</p> <p>Sharp objects/tools counted out and counted back. Training on safe use provided.</p> <p>Attendees to be wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather conditions.</p> <p>Warnings about slip and trip hazards.</p> <p>An up to date tree survey to be made on all surrounding trees to the bushcraft area.</p> <p>Customers told not to try eating nettles or other wild plants at home.</p> <p>Customers to have handwashing facilities and hand sanitiser available and encouraged to use it.</p> <p>First aid equipment to be on site at all times.</p> <p>All social distancing and mask wearing rules to be adhered to in a pandemic.</p>	
Actions Required			
Risk Factor	Probability Without controls - MEDIUM With controls - LOW	Severity Without controls - MEDIUM With controls - LOW	Comments