

### Risk Assessment- Baby Moon Site

Location:	Baby Moon Site	Completed by:	Morgan Lax	Date:	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2021	Review Date:	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2023
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**Description of site / activity / tools:**

The Baby Moon site is one which is open to the public (via Boutique Camping) and offers therapy sessions, a farm shop and café. In addition to this, trading under a separate name is the provision of glamping facilities in yurts. The site also has 15 acres of woodland which is used for some activities but many. Rewilding use the woodland for Forest School, bushcraft and target sport activities which are often marketed as ‘bushcraft’ as this is a more commonly known concept. This risk assessment considers the site as a whole rather than any specific activities. The camping facilities are usually occupied on weekends and during weekdays during school holidays; much of the provision we offer does not co-occur with high occupancy; likewise, the activity site has a natural separation from the café, therapy rooms and car park, as well as the camping field.

	Hazard	Harm	People at Risk	Existing Control Measure	Likelihood (1-3)	Severity (1-3)	Risk Rating PXS (1-9)	New Control Measure	Who? When?	Comments
1.	Car park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Struck by car</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders to be aware of cars entering/leaving</li> <li>• Clear car park straight away</li> <li>• Meeting point to the rear of the Baby Moon Camp Shop and reception</li> <li>• Main meeting point in garden (for groups under 16 years)</li> <li>• Collection point is the herb garden/garden (for groups under 16 years)</li> </ul>	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include meeting point in FS Handbook (Complete Oct 2015)</li> </ul>		
2.	Proximity of road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wonder into carriage way</li> <li>• Struck by car</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above</li> <li>• Instruct younger participants not to exit car park</li> </ul>	1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
3.	Poor Mobile Signal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delayed emergency contact</li> <li>• Worsening condition of casualty</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send responsible adult (if available) off-site with phone and emergency details to summon help (if poor signal is experienced)</li> <li>• Request help from Baby Moon staff/visitors</li> </ul>	1	2	2			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile phone signal is consistently good at the site</li> </ul>
4.	Other site users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stranger danger</li> </ul>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other site users aware of activity provision</li> <li>• Group control in ‘field’ area</li> <li>• Generally exclusive use of forest area</li> <li>• Head count at beginning, throughout and end of session</li> </ul>	1	2	2	The activities are shared with those staying onsite via an information pack that is available in all accommodation.		
5.	Separated from group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worry/Panic</li> <li>• Cannot re-locate the group</li> <li>• Exposure</li> <li>• Abduction</li> </ul>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Familiarisation walks</li> <li>• Out of bounds areas made clear</li> <li>• Use of boundary flags for new/younger groups</li> <li>• Use of ‘1,2,3 where are you’</li> <li>• Head count at beginning, throughout and</li> </ul>	2	2	4			<p>Particularly relevant to younger children</p> <p>This has not occurred in the preceding 5 years.</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>end of session</li> <li>• Leader observation of group and visitors</li> <li>• Whistle used to recall participants to camp</li> </ul>						
6.	Nettles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Stings</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage participants to identify nettles and avoid contact</li> <li>• Locate camp in an area largely free from nettle</li> <li>• Wear long sleeve and trousers when maintaining site</li> </ul>	3	1	3			See 'Collecting Natural Materials RA' for further detail
7.	Presence of Bramble/Hawthorne (thorns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scratches</li> <li>•Caught in eye</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage participants to identify bramble/hawthorn and avoid contact</li> <li>• Locate camp in an area largely free from bramble/hawthorne</li> <li>• Wear long sleeve and trousers when maintaining site</li> <li>• Clear hawthorne/bramble from pathways</li> </ul>	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Site maintenance to clear areas bramble</li> <li>•Use of bramble vines in basketry</li> </ul>	•Ongoing	See 'Collecting Natural Materials RA' for further detail
8.	Tree stumps/fallen branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Trip over and injure self</li> <li>•Fall onto</li> <li>•Impalement (if sharp)</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alert participants to possibility of branches on the ground</li> <li>• Maintain site, removing stumps and fallen branches</li> <li>• Be alert to further fallen branches during high winds</li> <li>• Stumps cut to ground level when maintaining site</li> </ul>	2	2	4			
9.	Ticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Bitten</li> <li>•Lyme Disease</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise participants to wear long-trousers</li> <li>• Alert participants/parents to the possibility of ticks</li> <li>• Ticks included in hand-book, along with signpost as to where to get advice</li> <li>• Ticks not to be removed by first aider</li> </ul>	1	2	2			Unlikely as this site does not have much livestock (no reported tick bites in 5 years Feb [Feb. 2021])
10.	Bees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Sting</li> <li>•Anaphylaxis</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruct participants to stand still when bee/wasp near them</li> <li>• Leave hives alone if located</li> <li>• Medical questionnaire alerting Rewilding staff to those with identified allergy</li> <li>• Safe carriage of Epi-pen where prescribed</li> </ul>	1	2	2			This is the most frequent entry in the accident book...
11.	River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Slips, trips, falls</li> <li>•Getting cold</li> <li>•Leptospirosis</li> <li>•Drowning</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking through stream minimised</li> <li>• Alerting participants to the likelihood of slippery rocks</li> <li>• Monitoring play in the stream, observing for safety and to avoid younger children sitting in stream</li> <li>• Covering of open cuts when playing in stream</li> <li>• Washing of hands prior to eating</li> </ul>	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• View the stream in spate to re-assess conditions (View Oct. 2015- during spate conditions participants kept away from the stream).</li> </ul>		Although the depth of the water is sufficient for narrowing it is a slow moving and a shallow stream (ankle depth). Have postponed one

										session due to dangerously high river level
12.	Disused Mine Entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cut on ironwork</li> <li>•Falling debris</li> <li>•Trip in dark</li> </ul>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp located away from mine entrance</li> <li>• Participants largely unaware of its existence</li> </ul>	1	2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of mine entrance largely avoided</li> </ul>		
13.	Water works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Injure self on disused sight</li> </ul>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site located over stream and off –site</li> <li>• Disused water-works not used in activities</li> </ul>	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
14.	Steep banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Slip and slide down</li> <li>•Fall down in dark</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants advised to wear suitable footwear</li> <li>• Make participants aware of steep banks</li> <li>• Use of buddying to negotiate steeper paths</li> <li>• Passing of heavy loads to aid balance</li> <li>• Introduction to site during daylight hours to aid familiarity</li> <li>• Use of illumination of toilet/camp sites during night to avoid</li> </ul>	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
15.	Uneven ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Stumble fall and injure self</li> <li>•Lower limb injuries</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants advised to wear suitable footwear</li> <li>• Participants made aware of the state of the ground</li> <li>• Use of existing pathways to move around the site</li> <li>• Camp located on flatter areas of the site</li> <li>• Wide games initiated on suitable areas</li> </ul>	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
16.	Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Bitten</li> <li>•Fall over when trying to get away</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs not allowed on site</li> <li>• If dogs is present instruct participants to be calm and still</li> <li>• Encourage owner to take control of dog and remove from site</li> </ul>	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
17.	Fungi Ingestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Poisoning</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request participants to avoid fungi</li> <li>• Make participants aware that the picking and consumption of fungi is not allowed</li> <li>• Ensure hands are washed prior to eating</li> </ul>	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		Insurance policy excludes foraging for fungi The site does not have a great deal of fungi present
18.	Drainage ditches/ watercourses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Falling in and injuring self</li> <li>•Possibility of contaminants from farmland</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of pathways to move around site</li> <li>• Wide games initiated in suitable areas away from ditches</li> <li>• Make participants aware of the presence of drainage ditches</li> <li>• Advise participants not to play in drainage ditches/ watercourses</li> <li>• Washing of hands before eating</li> </ul>	1	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install foot bridges over ditches</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		

19.	Rope swings/ rope traverses	•Falling and injury	All users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable trees used (strong, secure which present a reduced risk of hitting main trunk)</li> <li>• Use of suitable rope</li> <li>• Rope is static on the tree to prevent wearing through</li> <li>• Substantial 'sit stick' used, and hands high up the rope is advised</li> <li>• Traverses keep low to the ground and are appropriately tensioned</li> <li>• Feet at 90° to the rope will prevent a slip</li> <li>• Loops in the rope are avoided to prevent entrapment</li> </ul>	1	3	3	•		Rope swings have been a feature of the woodland for 5 years, without any instances.
20.	Felled tree across gully-known as "The Tree Bridge"	•Falling and injury	All users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use only if the person is confident to cross</li> <li>• Avoid in wet or muddy conditions (as this is when it is most slippery)</li> <li>• Shows securely fastened</li> <li>• Advise to stay upright</li> <li>• Use is monitored by staff</li> <li>• Trunk is kept free from obstructions</li> </ul>	1	3	3	•		This has been felled for three years and crossed on a regular basis with no instances. There is an opportunity for participants to gain real benefit from using this, which is balanced against the risk it presents.
<b>Comments/Concerns:</b>  This risk assessment will be reviewed in the event of any incident or near miss in order to be fully informed for the future. It is not an exhaustive list, and is written with experience of FS activities in mind and the incidents (or lack of) that have been encountered in the preceding 5 years.					<b>Recommendations:</b>  For bi-annual review- due Feb. 2023					

