



### RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GROUP VISITS

This risk assessment may be used as a model for your own. It is not intended as a substitute for an exploratory visit by the group leader. Free exploratory pre-visits can be arranged by contacting us. This risk assessment should be used in conjunction with the information on the Health and Safety Executive's website [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk) and the information on our own website [www.beckyfalls.com](http://www.beckyfalls.com). Group leaders must also read our Code of Conduct for Visiting Groups.

HAZARD	ASSOCIATED RISKS	WHO IS AT RISK?	ACTION REQUIRED TO CONTROL RISKS:	RESPONSIBILITY:
Moving vehicles in car park	Risk of being injured by moving vehicles	All group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervision</li> <li>- Group should stay clear of entrance/exit</li> </ul>	Group leader, teacher, adult helpers
Crossing road from car park to park entrance	Risk of being injured by moving vehicles	All group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervision</li> </ul>	Group leader, teacher, adult helpers
Park grounds	Slip, trip or fall	All group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grounds inspected regularly by staff.</li> <li>- Group always under adult supervision.</li> <li>- Visitors should wear appropriate footwear.</li> <li>- Children should not run around site.</li> </ul>	Park staff.  Group leader, teacher, adult helpers.
Pupils exiting the park unsupervised	Risk of children getting lost.	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group always under adult supervision</li> </ul>	Group leader, teacher, adult helpers.
Uneven paths	Medium – slips and trips	All group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil briefing by group leader about the need to walk carefully around the park</li> </ul>	Group leader, teacher, adult helpers.

General public	Child welfare risk	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular head counts</li> <li>- Lost children are taken by park staff to the park café</li> </ul>	Group leader, teachers, adult helpers.
Risk from river, waterfall	Risk of drowning, slips, falls, collisions	All group	<p>Group briefed on required behaviour, ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not to push others into water,</li> <li>- be particularly careful at the water's edge,</li> <li>- step slowly/carefully and beware of slipping on wet rocks,</li> <li>- no diving or jumping into the water is allowed,</li> </ul> <p>Each group member wears appropriate footwear Group is set, and stays within, clear boundaries which define an area that can be properly supervised.</p> <p>Regular and frequent head counts made by group leaders.</p>	Group leader, teachers, adult helpers.
Danger from animals	Risk of being bitten or scratched	All group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupil briefing on park code of conduct by group leader</li> <li>- Safety barriers in place</li> <li>- Feeding of animals is prohibited except at supervised animal feeding sessions</li> </ul>	Group leader, teacher, adult helpers.

Contact with animals	Risk of accidental injury or of contracting disease	All group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Antibacterial gel provided by park. Application to be supervised by group leaders.</li><li>- Thorough hand washing using soap and water. Young children should be supervised by group leaders when washing their hands.</li><li>- Touching of animals should be supervised by group leaders.</li><li>- Children under 5 years old and pregnant women should avoid touching animals.</li><li>- For animal encounter sessions, group will be briefed and supervised by park staff.</li><li>- Appropriate species selected for handling.</li></ul>	Park staff, group leader, teachers, adult helpers.
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