

## Braeside Education Centre - Activity Risk Assessment



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Assessment of:		Caen hill pond dipping		Venue:	K&A Canal, Caen hill, Fishing platforms between lock 45 & 46		
Assessor:		Josh Simons		Date:	Jan 2025	Review Date:	Jan 2026
ID	Hazards Identified <small>I.e.: what can cause harm?</small>	Persons at Risk <small>I.e.: who could be harmed by the hazard?</small>	Current Risk Factor (High, medium or low) <small>I.e.: determine the level of risk</small>	Actions to be Taken to Minimize each Risk <small>I.e.: what action can you take to lower the level of risk</small>			New Risk Factor (High, medium or low) <small>I.e.: risk factor after action taken to minimize the risk</small>
<b>Please also see:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walking (Devizes town &amp; surrounding areas) RA 2024</li> </ul>							
1	Falling in water/Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils to stay at least one meter away from the edge of the water whenever possible. Including walking on tow paths, looking at locks, waiting to dip.</li> <li>Verbal brief to be given about walking on tow paths before setting off from Braeside.</li> <li>Clear verbal warnings and instructions given, including footing and stability at water's edge (platforms used whenever possible)</li> <li>Leader to carry throw line, demonstrate use to new staff / users</li> </ul>			Low
2	Weil's disease/ General infections from water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover open cuts and avoid getting them wet.</li> <li>Verbal warning to keep hands away from mouth and to wash hands as soon as possible.</li> <li>No food to be consumed without hand cleaning</li> </ul>			Low
3	Contact with public, dogs, swans, and dog faeces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group to always be supervised by leader</li> <li>Make sure minimal amount of space is taken up.</li> <li>Area to be checked and group to be warned about faeces</li> <li>If dogs are present, ask participants to leave them alone</li> <li>Politely ask dog owner to put dogs on lead if cause nuisance</li> </ul>			Low

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4	Passing boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If boats are close to fishing platforms, ask participant to stand back from edge till boat passes</li> </ul>	Low
5	Trips and falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear verbal warnings and instructions given, including footing and stability at water's edge</li> <li>Nets to be carried safely – demo and remind</li> <li>First aid kit to be carried</li> </ul>	Low
6	Hazards increased by slippery ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See ID 5</li> <li>Dynamic risk assessment to be carried by Braeside staff before session starts.</li> </ul>	Low
7	Hit with dipping nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> <li>Members of Public</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal brief to be given before leaving Braeside on how to safely carry nets when walking</li> <li>Verbal and visual brief to be giving and how to use equipment before dipping starts.</li> </ul>	Low
8	Wet weather and cold conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> <li>Braeside Staff</li> <li>Visiting Staff</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dynamic risk assessment to be carried by Braeside staff before session starts.</li> <li>Group to be correctly clothed before leaving site</li> </ul>	Low
9	inexperienced adults supervising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisors of activity to be briefed by Braeside staff Prior to leading activity</li> <li>Risk assessment and operation procedure to be given to supervising staff for reading before session.</li> </ul>	Low