

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 2026	Review Date:	Jan 2027
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>
Please also see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking (Devizes town & surrounding areas) RA 							
1	Falling in water/Drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants Braeside Staff Visiting Staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Verbal brief to be given about walking on tow paths before setting off from Braeside. Clear verbal warnings and instructions given, including footing and stability at water's edge (platforms used whenever possible) Leader to carry throw line, demonstrate use to new staff / users 			Low
2	Weil's disease/ General infections from water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants Braeside Staff Visiting Staff 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover open cuts and avoid getting them wet. Verbal warning to keep hands away from mouth and to wash hands as soon as possible. No food to be consumed without hand cleaning 			Low
3	Contact with public, dogs, swans, and dog faeces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants Braeside Staff Visiting Staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group to always be supervised by leader Make sure minimal amount of space is taken up. Area to be checked and group to be warned about faeces If dogs are present, ask participants to leave them alone Politely ask dog owner to put dogs on lead if cause nuisance 			Low

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