

Braeside Education Centre - Activity Risk Assessment



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Assessment of:		Round way Hill Walk		Venue:	Braeside education centre – Devizes Town – Roundway downs		
Assessor:		Josh Simons		Date:	January 2026	Review Date:	January 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	Contact with public and livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Braeside Staff School Staff Students Volunteers 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils briefed to step aside and let passing public and dog's pass Pupils briefed to stay away from any livestock 		Low	
2	Rough terrain and steep ground – slipping/tripping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Braeside Staff School Staff Students Volunteers 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups advised to take paths carefully and sensibly Buddy system if needed Instructors to take alternative routes if needed 		Low	
3	Getting lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Braeside Staff School Staff Students Volunteers 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate call out procedure for lost pupils Mobile phone carried for emergencies Secondary school students trailed from a distance (close or remote supervision). Younger students receive direct or possibly close supervision considering age, ability, and numbers. 		Low	
4	Barbed wire / electric fences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Braeside Staff School Staff Students Volunteers 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups notified about barbed wire/electric fences and to keep away and not touch them. FA kit to be carried. 		Low	
5	Worn equipment e.g., rope for woodland ascent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Braeside Staff School Staff Students Volunteers 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors to check all equipment before use. 		Low	

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6	Sharp/glass objects in ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups to wear sensible footwear. • Minimise playing/rolling about on the ground. 	Medium
7	Contact with plant / animal substances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to carry Antibacterial hand gel/wipes • Take Alternative routes if needed 	Low
8	Running / picking up / Pushing pupils during battle re-enactment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and precise instructions / briefing given at start. • Instructors and teachers to oversee behaviour. • Clear boundaries. 	Low
9	Catching face on branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify groups about low branches. • Groups to be sensible walking through woodlands. • Instructor to always lead the way with another/or teacher following behind group. • Instructor could choose to take off concerning branch if safe to do so. 	Medium
10	Inclement weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing and footwear to be worn. • Weather assessed on day and effects on terrain monitored. • To cancel the Activity if conditions are unsafe. • Get to the closest evacuation point in case of extreme weather. 	Low
11	Muddy/slippery surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather assessed on day and effects on terrain monitored. • Group to be briefed and closely supervised on areas of concern. 	Low
12	Poor behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and precise instructions / briefing given at start. • Work in smaller groups splitting up pupils. • Teachers and Instructors to work with groups. 	Low

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13	Shooting / game keepers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with local farm/landowners concerning countryside sports and other events that could pose a risk • Stick to known paths 	Low
14	Route changes due to power cable work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braeside Staff • School Staff • Students • Volunteers 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route to be checked on a regular basis • Liaison with local farm/landowners concerning • Contact with management of works company. • Any route changes to be dynamically risk assessed • Manager and Braeside office to be inform of change at time of change. 	Low

Extra mitigations to reduce risks:

- Immediate call out procedure for lost pupils
- Record of planned route left at Braeside
- First aid kit, contact numbers, sun cream and water carried
- Awareness of escape routes to road access
- Awareness of any medical conditions of students / staff – medication to be carried