



Risk assessment form (H&S)

Name of assessor(s)	Tim Gouge Pete Goldsmith	Group / Establishment:	SSE Outdoors Charterhouse Centre
Date Review Date	February 2022 Annually		

Venue Description	How was the assessment done?	Mobile Phone Signal
Climbing at Sandford Quarry Sandford Quarry ST 42160 59014 Quarry Gates ST 42074 58934 Quarry Road BS25 5RN Bottom Quarry Entrance ST 41972 59043 Hill Road BS25 5RL	Completed by the Senior Instructor in consultation with other staff and Pete Goldsmith our Technical Advisor (Site visit April 2013) + Subsequent visits PG and staff team visited new area several times in 2018	Good
		Nearest Landline
Houses opposite quarry entrance		

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Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Slips, trips and falls	Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Potential hazards pointed out in advance Vigilance of instructors in watching out for hazards or hazardous behaviour Participants to wear suitable footwear Instructor to adopt a position of greatest use (POGU) strategy in high risk areas Utilise visiting staff to maintain high standards of group control	3	2	6				

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Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Fearful participant, freezing whilst climbing	Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Encouragement/guidance provided throughout activity session Instructor training	1	2	2				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Hair/clothing caught up in equipment	Activity run in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) and activity notes Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Instructor training Vigilance of instructor/s Hair and clothing checked prior to session, and monitored throughout Jewellery removed	3	1	3				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Hit by an object from above	Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Venue to be checked prior to session starting Pockets to be emptied prior to climbing Correct PPE to be worn Safe areas when not climbing to be pointed out Brief the group to shout "below" if they dislodge any loose rock and inform them not to look up if they hear that shouted.	2	1	2				

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Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Falling climber	<p>Activity run in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) and activity notes</p> <p>Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session</p> <p>Instructor training</p> <p>Encouragement/guidance provided throughout activity session</p> <p>Correct PPE to be worn</p> <p>Safe areas when not climbing to be pointed out</p> <p>Appropriate belaying methods to be used and observed closely</p>	5	1	5				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Kit failure during session	<p>Instructor training - Kit used correctly and in accordance to manufacturers guidelines</p> <p>Bi-monthly kit checks carried out at the centre and recorded</p> <p>Visual checks carried out when rigging</p> <p>Visual checks of students kit before they take part/ each turn</p> <p>Kit retired at the end of working life in accordance with centres policy</p> <p>Damaged or retired kit to be put in "out of use" bin</p>	5	1	5				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Pendulums on the rope	<p>Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session</p> <p>Instructor training</p> <p>Choice of climb is suitable</p>	2	1	2				

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Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Bolts/ chain failure	Bolts tested by Hilti trained tester 22/06/2018 Visual inspection from the ground each time rigged Routes climbed by instructors periodically to do a visual check	5	1	5				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Anchor failure	Visual check of anchor for suitability 2 or more anchors to be used	3	1	3				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor Public	Hazardous materials left in the quarry by members of the public, ie glass, car parts	Venue to be checked prior to session starting Potential hazards pointed out in advance Vigilance of instructor/s	2	1	2				

Assessor's Signature – Where a review takes place resulting in no changes to the assessment and risk rating this form can be re-signed, dated, any relevant comments made and a note added for the next review date.

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Print	P Goldsmith	Date		Comments	
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