



Risk assessment form (H&S)

Name of assessor(s)	Lawrence Wilson	Group / Establishment:	SSE Outdoors Charterhouse Centre
Date Review Date	18/2/26 Annually		

Venue Description	How was the assessment done?	Mobile Phone Signal
Abseiling at Sandford Quarry Top Quarry ST 42160 59014 Top Quarry Entrance 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 June 2015) & subsequent visits since, the last being in March 2022.	Good
		Nearest Landline

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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 abseiling	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 A DMM Anka and extender are used to reduce the risk of hair getting caught in the abseiling device	3	1	3				

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Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Hit by an object from above	<p>Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session</p> <p>Venue to be checked prior to session starting</p> <p>Pockets to be emptied prior to abseiling</p> <p>Correct PPE to be worn</p> <p>Safe areas when not abseiling to be pointed out</p> <p>Stay out of area underneath abseil</p> <p>Matting has been placed at the start of the abseils to limit how much material could come down and to help stabilise the top</p>	3	2	6				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Falling on approach to the top of the abseil and whilst waiting	<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>Potential hazards pointed out in advance</p> <p>Stick to path</p> <p>Safe areas when not abseiling to be pointed out</p> <p>Help from visiting staff to maintain rules and monitor behaviour</p> <p>Utilise visiting staff to maintain high standards of group control and use them to escort students up if it is felt that it is needed</p>	5	1	5				

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Instructor	Falling whilst rigging and setting up the abseils	Activity run in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) and activity notes Instructor training	5	1	5				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Pendulums on the rope	Safety/Activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Instructor training Choice of abseil is suitable	2	1	2				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Kit failure during session	Instructor training - Kit used correctly and in accordance with manufacturers guidelines 6-monthly kit checks carried out at the centre and recorded Visual checks carried out when rigging Visual checks of students' kit before they take part/ each turn Kit retired at the end of working life in accordance with centres policy Damaged or retired kit to be given to senior instructor	5	1	5				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Anchor failure	Physical and visual check of anchors used 2 or more anchors to be used	3	1	3				

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Participants and visiting staff Instructor Public	Hazardous materials left in the quarry by members of the public, i.e. 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.

Print	Lawrence Wilson	Date	18/2/26	Comments	
Sign	Lawrence Wilson				