



Risk assessment form (H&S)

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

Venue Description	How was the assessment done?	Mobile Phone Signal
		Poor. The higher you get in the stream the better Vodafone reception is.
Gorge walking – East Twin Brook, Burrington Combe ST 47959 58212 Nearest road – Burrington Combe B3134	Completed by the Senior Instructor in consultation with other staff and our Technical Advisor (Marcus Taylor)	Nearest Landline
		Bike shop or house at bottom of Link Road

Person Affected	Hazard(s) Identified	Existing Controls?	Risk Rating * Severity x Likelihood			What further action is recommended?	Action by whom?	Date action due	Date action done
			S	L	S x L				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Slips, trips and falls	<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>Vigilance of instructors in watching out for hazards or hazardous behaviour</p> <p>Participants to wear suitable footwear</p> <p>Instructor to adopt a position of greatest use (POGU) strategy in high risk areas</p> <p>Utilise visiting staff to maintain high standards of group control</p>	3	2	6				

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Participants and visiting staff	Separation from party	<p>Safety/activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session</p> <p>Instructor to be familiar with the route and able to explain where they want participants to wait.</p> <p>Regular head counts</p>	3	1	3				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	<p>Exposure to extreme weather conditions</p> <p>Cold and wet participants</p> <p>Windy</p>	<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 to check weather before the activity and make sure everyone is suitably dressed</p> <p>Ensure they are wearing the correct clothing</p> <p>Route / "challenge" selection suitable for the weather conditions and the group</p> <p>Keep group moving</p> <p>Close observation of group checking for signs of hyperthermia</p> <p>Group shelter to be used if necessary</p> <p>Abandon session if concerned</p>	3	2	6				

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Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Water level in stream	Activity run in accordance with standard operating procedures (SOPs) and activity notes Instructor to check weather before the activity and make sure everyone is suitably dressed Adapt trip to conditions Familiar with escape routes A conversation should take place with the Centre Manager prior to the activity commencing if there are any concerns about the volume of water Abandon session if concerned	3	2	3				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Drowning	Safety/activity briefing for all participants, and constant monitoring throughout the session Vigilant whilst walking Regular head counts Activities/ challenges selected should be suitable for the group/ weather If volume of water is a concern, abandon session	5	1	5				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Biohazards (animal/human waste, mud, rubbish etc)	Instructor vigilance Group to wash hands on return to the centre Group told not to get water/mud in mouths and to spit out if they do	2	2	4				

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Instructor	Injury whilst climbing the waterfall	Instructor to assess the small waterfall at the top of the stream and climb only if they are comfortable doing so. Descend if not Use the bolt and protect yourself if you need to Be very careful in wet conditions	4	2	8				
Participants and visiting staff	Injury whilst climbing the waterfall	Demonstration given to participants and constant feedback whilst they are climbing. Point out hazards, for example wet slippery rocks and assist if needed Utilise visiting staff Safety rope to be used as a minimum for all young people and staff ascending the waterfall. In high water or if members of the group have struggled with earlier climbs an assisted hand line should be considered Staff training/ observations	2	3	6				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor	Loose rocks and stones being washed down stream in exceptional flow	Vigilant whilst walking Make participants aware of any hazards Abandon session if concerned	3	2	6				
Participants and visiting staff Instructor Other users	Other groups	Avoid other groups and delay start Communicate with other group leader/s and try to work on a plan to avoid any potential problems/ excessive waiting	1	2	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				