


<b>Location:</b>	Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre	<b>Date of Assessment:</b>	1/4/10	<b>Last Reviewed:</b>	December 2022	<b>Name of Assessor:</b>	Chris Murnin
<b>Activity:</b>	Bushcraft	<b>Assessment Reference No:</b>	4.3		SV	<b>Signature of Assessor:</b>	

<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>CONTROL MEASURES</b>
Lifting heavy items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructors and participants to work together lifting heavy items.</li> <li>▪ Manual handling training given to all staff.</li> <li>▪ Brief participants on safe lifting of heavy items, for example “If it’s bigger than you, it takes two of you to carry it.”</li> <li>▪ Appropriate supervision of participants.</li> </ul>
Building materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Materials to be suitable for the size and age of participants</li> <li>▪ Awareness of surrounding people when carrying materials</li> <li>▪ Only materials specified by the Instructor to be used</li> <li>▪ Monitoring and reinforcement by Instructor throughout</li> </ul>
Boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appropriate supervision of participants.</li> <li>▪ Avoid using the car park to gain access to bushcraft areas and toilets, highlight a suitable route.</li> <li>▪ Specify boundaries when in the bushcraft area</li> </ul>
Exposure to heat and cold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructor’s awareness of the environmental conditions when planning a session.</li> <li>▪ Advice to participants of correct clothing and/ or use of sun cream.</li> <li>▪ The Centre or additional shelters are available if needed.</li> </ul>
Sharp objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructor to be aware of low, sharp branches and warn participants accordingly.</li> <li>▪ Instructor checking of the site prior to the start of the activity and removing any unnecessary hazards.</li> <li>▪ Group must be supervised at all times whilst in the Bushcraft area.</li> <li>▪ Ensure any new</li> <li>▪ Recycled wood is free from nails or screws before putting it in Bushcraft area.</li> </ul>
Low level falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants must not climb trees</li> <li>▪ Cut tree stumps are not to be used as ladders.</li> </ul>



Uneven ground or debris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instructor to inform participants of potential low level hazards in briefing.</li> <li>▪ Instructor checking of the site prior to the start of the activity and removing any unnecessary hazards.</li> <li>▪ Group supervision.</li> </ul>
Heavy items falling/ shelter collapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appropriate supervision of participants.</li> <li>▪ Safety briefing given to all participants prior to the start of the activity.</li> <li>▪ Only suitable poles to be used for load bearing elements</li> <li>▪ Instructor to check shelters are stable.</li> <li>▪ Any cracked or damaged ridge pole to be removed from use</li> </ul>
Diseases / bacterial infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All participants wash hands after the session or before preparing or eating food.</li> <li>▪ Food and ingredients to be kept in sealed containers</li> <li>▪ Food to be prepared as per food hygiene training</li> </ul>
Further risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participant's condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved.</li> <li>▪ Some risks still remain but every care must be taken to minimise these.</li> </ul>

To be read in conjunction with risk assessments for Open fires, Camping, Trangia Stoves and Knives, Saws and Axes.

