


Location:	Off site	Date of Assessment:	26/4/2013	Last Reviewed: DEC 22 DMR	Name of Assessor:	Chris Murnin
Activity:	Crag Rock Climbing	Assessment Reference Number:	4.55		Signature of Assessor:	

ITEM/ HAZARD	CONTROL MEASURES
Falling from height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bouldering height limit to be set with group prior to activity. • Instructor should assess the risk of bouldering problem, spotters and bouldering mats used accordingly • Appropriate PPE to be used, this is checked prior and during use. • All belaying to be done, or supervised by an Instructor. • Group members to be attached to a safety line if operating near the crag edge, such as prior to an abseil or during set up, and under the direct supervision from an Instructor • All setups to be done according to recognised best practice. • Instructor to maintain group control at all times
Falling rocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants to wear properly fitted climbing helmets whilst in the prescribed "Equipment on" area. • During set up the Instructor should clear away any obvious hazards • Group to be kept away from crag face whilst not involved in the activity • Any loose rocks on crag to be identified to the group • All members to be briefed of the hazards of loose and falling rocks
Anchors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All peg/ stake anchors to be inspected for suitability prior to use. • Multiple anchors to be used, a minimum of 2 independent equalised anchors per climb • Anchors to be selected and used as per Mountain Training guidelines.
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only equipment assessed and approved by the Instructor to be used off site, Instructors may use their own personal PPE • All equipment to be used as shown in training and according to manufacturer's guidelines • Equipment is to be checked prior and during use • 'Equipment on' zones to be identified to group • Rope protectors to be used on edges
Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group must be dressed according to the expected weather. • The instructor should provide spare clothes when necessary

Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group must be suitably dressed for the environment. • Long trousers and sleeves should be worn when the group are moving through undergrowth and vegetation.
Ticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid walking through bracken where possible. • Where appropriate, warn group about presence of ticks, methods of prevention and encourage to check themselves after the session • Inform group that if they have irritation in warm body areas (eg. armpit or crotch) then check for ticks.
Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible avoid using popular routes. • Be prepared to move to a different route if need be. • The Instructor must maintain group control at all times. • If the group are exposed to any danger, they must be moved to a safe area. • Take extra caution on busier crags. • Be courteous at all times.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markfield Quarry- Leicestershire 	
Falling from height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When using the right hand scramble on the Markfield slab as access, the group must be observed going up and down this by the Instructor. • If group are deemed unable to use right hand scramble, stairs must be used to access the top of the slab
Birchen Edge – Peak District	
Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park at the top edge of the car park • Use the steps and footpath through the car park
Main road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to check road is clear before starting to lead group • Group to walk in single file on the road • Brief group about the gate at the top of the road before heading off, to avoid a bottle neck
Flora and Fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beware of midges in shaded areas and at dusk. • Long trousers and sleeves should be worn when the group are moving through undergrowth and vegetation.
Sand + Grit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the first aid kit has eyewash • Don't leave kit on the ground, find a group storage area on a boulder, or use a tarp.
Froggatt Edge – Peak District	
Car Parking for minibus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn around at the Chequers pub. Drive back down the A625 and park on the Left hand side of the sharp bend ensuring you are not facing on-coming traffic, and clients can disembark safely.
Overgrown paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear long sleeves and trousers where practical whilst moving through overgrown paths

Stanage Plantation – Peak District	
Boulders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take care on boulders on walk in path • Instructor should walk in front leading/ spotting groups over particularly difficult sections • Walk around boulders if necessary.
Stanage High Neb – Peak District	
Road crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your vehicle is parked in the direction of traffic, allowing passengers to alight onto the grass verge and continue up the path without having to cross the road.
Lawrencefield – Peak District	
Road crossing- Fast traffic and blind corners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief group in car park about road crossing system • Instructor to coordinate road crossing • Cross in small groups • Group to gather on the far side of the gate
The Roaches – Peak District	
Falling from Height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When using the Bottom Tier group area instructors must make people aware of the uneven ground around them. • Group must be briefed about mud on the steps whilst accessing the crag from the car park.
Car park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini buses must park in the minibus parking spot and they should have the side access door facing the crag.
Flora and Fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beware of midges in shaded areas and at dusk. • Long trousers and sleeves should be worn when the group are moving through undergrowth and vegetation.
Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are sheep in and around the crag and the group are to be informed that they are not to approach or disturb them.
Bouldering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group only boulders when supervised by a member of staff. • Instructor should assess the risk of the bouldering problem and decide if helmets are required • The group must use bouldering mats and correctly 'spot' each other at all times.
Grit and sand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the first aid kit has eye wash. • Explain to the group that the rock may graze their hands and knees because of the rock type.
Further risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participants' condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved. • Some risks still remain but every care must be taken to minimise these.