



DUCKS Iford Playing Fields Risk Assessment

Activity	Club Paddle Iford Playing Fields	Reviewed by	Kevin Anderson
Date		Date	Jul 26

Hazard	Who might be affected?	Risk controls	Any further action needed	Who by?	Date to complete	Done
Roads and Traffic	All	Caution when moving on road ways. If using vehicle on the area beyond the second gate, be aware of other users of the area.				
Moving boats manual handling	All	Training on boat handling. Request assistance if needed. Care lifting boats above chest height. Ensure the floor area is clear.				
Slips trips and falls	All	Appropriate footwear Brief people on uneven surfaces and steps.				
River entry points	Paddlers	Warn of slippery surfaces and the need for caution.				



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		Leader to check condition of the ramp prior to session and advise paddlers accordingly. The ramp to the river is steep and can be very slippery on parts that are covered by water. Consider use of rubber matting.				
Clothing and personal safety equipment	Paddlers	Appropriate clothing for activity. PFD to be worn at all times on the water. Wearing helmets by all normal practice. Exceptions can be made for good reason. For example winter paddling in cold temperatures, a warm hat could be a better option.				
Wildlife	Paddlers	Avoid disturbing nesting swans as they may become aggressive. If nest is seen, inform rest of the group and remain clear. Generally, avoid disturbing wildlife.				



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Waterborne diseases Algae etc	Paddlers	Encourage washing after contact with water.				
Other river users	Paddlers	Be aware of the other users. Advise paddlers of collision rules. Keep right, turn right give way to right				
Underwater hazards Entanglement	Paddlers	Avoid capsizes, particularly intentional ones, near submerged trees and weed. There are submerged obstacles in the river, ensure there are non present before capsizing.				
Drowning /Entrapment	Paddlers	Train all paddlers on wet exit techniques. Coach/experienced paddler to be with each group.				
Night Paddling	Paddlers	Lights to be used to identify position of paddlers				
Hypothermia	Paddlers	Appropriate clothing Assess temperature before deliberately entering water, eg wet exit.				



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		Monitor fellow participants for signs, remove from water if needed				
Environmental conditions	Paddlers	Leader to continuously assess the water and weather conditions for suitability.				
Clearing water	Paddlers	Ensure all paddlers off water at end of session. Junior paddlers should be returned to appropriate adult.				
First Aid	All	First aid kits to be brought to the site. There are some in DDCU container.				