

## Activity Risk Assessment for Pond dipping

Site name: Finger Lakes at Priory Country Park Name of assessor: J. Lemon Date of Assessment: April 2007								
Ref	Description of hazard	Those at risk	No. at risk per day	Probability of harm (a), score 1- 5	Severity of hazard (b), score 1 – 5	Risk factor (a x b)	Action required	School action taken
	Slip hazards, muddy or slippery paths/pond dipping platform	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	2	1	2	Advise in advance to wear sensible footwear. Warn to walk, not run and to avoid mud where possible.	
	Falling in to water	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	2	4	8	Strict control of numbers using platform. Adult always present. Advise not to lean over, push, to take care.	
	Injury from handling nets	All using nets and in vicinity	Up to 75	2	1	2	Demonstrate use. Limit numbers	
	Injury from hazardous litter	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	1	1	1	Warning, avoidance, clearance.	
	Contracting disease e.g. Weils disease	All in contact with water	Up to 75	1	4	4	Keep open cuts covered. Avoid immersing hands in water. Wash hands before eating. Advise to seek medical advice if symptoms show.	
	Losing sight of children, abduction, attack	All children especially the very young.	Up to 75	1	4	4	Small groups with correct adult:pupil ratio. (KS1 1:5, KS2 1:8). More supervision for early years, less for older pupils. Leaders to carry name list. Regular headcounts. Warn children to stay in groups. BE VIGILANT.	
	Insect bites/stings	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	2	1	2	Warning; avoidance; ask for any children at risk of anaphylactic shock to be identified.	
	Attack by dogs	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	1	4	4	Warn children of correct behaviour (Stand still, avoid eye contact with dog). Request owners to put lead on and to remove animal from location. If troublesome phone Park staff.	
	Dog faeces	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	1	1	1	Warning to avoid, wash hands before eating.	
	Exposure to: Heat	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	3	3	9	Advance written advice to bring sunhats, sunscreen and plenty of drinking water. Also to wear light, long sleeved clothing. Seek shade where possible to carry out activity.	
	Wet/Cold	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	3	2	6	Advance written advice to bring waterproof clothing and strong footwear. Have wet weather plan option for extreme conditions.	
	Thunder/Lightning	All involved with school visit	Up to 75	4	1	4	Advise to lie down in open area if severe. Don't hold metal objects.	