

Trails & Orienteering Risk Assessment

This includes, but is is not limited to **Geo Caching, Treasure Hunt, & Orienteering.** This includes walks around Castel Ring

Risks we think are specific to Trails

What are the hazards? What can cause harm?	Who might be harmed	What are you already doing? What are you doing to control hazards and the chance of someone getting hurt? See Generic Activity Risk Assessment	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk? By following this risk assessment, are the hazards & chances of someone being harmed adequately controlled?
Level of supervision of group	Participants & Instructor	 Supervision can be Direct, Indirect (within clear boundaries), or Remote. The level of supervision must be appropriate to age, competence, experience, maturity, etc of the young people in the group. Beaudesert instructor do not run sessions with Remote Supervision as we do not know the children/young people enough to make the judgment they will be safe. The younger groups Beaudesert instructors will normally run sessions with Direct supervision only. If Indirect Supervision (with clear boundaries) is being used it is key to ensure: Identifying clear geographical boundaries within a suitable area and ensuring everyone is aware of these. Setting a time limit by which all are to be back at an agreed location. Ensuring young people are in small 'buddy' groups and know to stay together. Briefing students as to the location of leaders during the activity: some leaders could be in a fixed position and others roaming the agreed area. If students get lost, they know not to wander aimlessly, but to stay together and wait for a leader to find them. 	Trivial if controls are followed

Being lost	Participants	Getting a little lost can be fun! However it is important to be able to find your way back. Instructors will ensure an appropriate level of supervisor. Groups will be briefed what to do if they get lost. It is important to recognise that a 'lost' group can encounter hazards which have not been identified on the risk assessment. Do you need a mobile phone or other means of communication for the trail you are doing?	Trivial if controls are followed
Head or eye injuries from branches	Participants & Instructor	Group to be brief on the hazard and advised to look where they are going.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Traffic	Participants & Instructor	Beaudesert does have a traffic control system. Instructors & responsible adults must ensure the group is aware of traffic (and manage appropriately) and where possible use pedestrian areas.	Trivial if controls are followed
Drowning & Falls from height	Participants & Instructor	Younger guests should be managing closely around water and small cliffs /drops. If the instructor considers it appropriate for guests to Indirectly Supervised the groups should be briefed on these hazards. Larger drops are fenced and larger ponds have life rings.	Tolerable <i>if controls are followed</i>

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		Potential severity of harm		
		Slightly Harmful	Harmful	Extremely Harmful
		1	2	3
	Highly unlikely	Trivial	Tolerable	Moderate
	1	1	2	3
Likelihood of	Unlikely	Tolerable	Moderate	Substantial
harm occurring	2	2	4	6
	Likely	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable
	3	3	6	9

Slightly harmful: Superficial injuries; minor cuts and bruises; eye irritation from dust, nuisance and irritation (e.g. headaches); ill-health leading to temporary discomfort. **Harmful:** Lacerations; burns; concussion; serious sprains; minor fractures, deafness; dermatitis; asthma; work related upper limb disorders; ill-health leading to permanent minor disability.

Extremely harmful: Amputations; major fractures; poisonings; multiple injuries; fatal injuries, occupational cancer; other severely life shortening diseases; acute fatal diseases