

Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre

Generic Activity Risk Assessment

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?	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?
Competence of the Instructor leading the session	Group & Instructor	The instructor leading the session must be competent to lead the activity. Beaudesert will only deploy instructors who have been trained in the activity. If a visiting group hiring the equipment and/or facilities are using their own instructors, it is the responsibility of the group to ensure the competence, experience and maturity of their instructor.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Level of pastoral care (including medical care)	Group	There will always be a responsible adult member of the visiting group present to support the children/young people. This adult will be responsible for the behaviour of the group. This adult will ensure the instructor leading the session knows about any medical conditions or additional needs the group members may have. Instructors should not start the session until this adult is present. Visiting groups should provide first aid cover as they are responsible for the young people, however, Beaudesert will provide additional first aid cover on sessions run by Beaudesert instructors.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Extreme Weather (Heat, Cold, Wind, Lightening, Snow, torrential rain etc)	Group & Instructor	Instructor to be aware. Appropriate clothing to be worn by all involved. It may be appropriate to stop activities due to some extreme weather or if the group is not appropriately clothed for the environment.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Falling Tree Debris	Group & Instructor	Arboreal management including periodic inspection by the Beaudesert team. The instructor running the session will undertake a quick visual inspection of trees in the area. A dynamic approach to assessing the risk of falling tree debris should be undertaken by the instructor. Evacuation of all areas under tree canopy if wind rises above Beaufort scale 7+ (near 51-62 km/h; 28-33 knots; whole trees in motion; inconvenience when walking against the wind)	Tolerable if controls are followed

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Unfamiliarity of the equipment	Group & Instructor	The instructor leading the session must be familiar with the equipment they are using. Beaudesert instructors are trained in the use of the equipment on the session. If groups are hiring the equipment, they should ensure their instructors know how to use the equipment. The Beaudesert team can provide people hiring equipment 'information' about the equipment, but cannot provide 'training' on how to use the equipment.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Equipment Failure	Group & Instructor	Regular Periodic inspection of the equipment by the Beaudesert team. A member of the Beaudesert team will undertake a visual inspection of the equipment before the first session of the day. The instructor leading the session will also undertake a visual check of the equipment before they start their session. Damaged or broken equipment should be reported. If a group is only hiring the facility and no equipment, they must ensure the equipment they use is compatible with the facility.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Injury due to incorrect footwear and / or clothing	Group & Instructor	The instructor leading the session, and the responsible adult who is with the visiting group, are responsible ensuring the children/young people are appropriately clothed for the activity and the prevailing weather conditions. Instructors are responsible for themselves.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Entrapment of hair, fingers, loose clothing, jewellery, in equipment.	Group & Instructor	Hair tied/tucked back. Loose clothing removed or made safe. Jewellery removed or made safe when it is not possible removed (taped up). Instructor awareness & supervision. Guests briefed on the risk & hazards of all the activity equipment they will use.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Slip/Trips/Falls	Group & Instructor	Instructor vigilance & making guests aware of hazards in the environment.	Tolerable <i>if controls are followed</i>
Dehydration & Sun Burn	Group & Instructor	The adult with the visiting group is responsible for ensuring the young people are appropriately protected from the sun, and ensuring the group have drinks with them during hot weather. Instructors are responsible for themselves.	Trivial <i>if controls are followed</i>
Wildlife – Flora and Fauna	Group & Instructor	Beaudesert is a 'beautiful wilderness' and does have wildlife. Instructors should mindful that some wildlife can cause harm to the guests and themselves.	Trivial if controls are followed
Cliffs and Steep drops – Potential falling hazard	Everyone	Throughout the site there are multiple points where there are steep drops and cliffs; i.e. the quarry. Although most of these are fenced off not all are. Guests are to be made aware on arrival if they are likely to be going near any of the steep drops or cliffs.	Moderate If controls are followed
Ruins – Unstable structure	Everyone	When appropriate guests are to be made aware of the ruins on arrival. The ruins are not to be entered or climbed as they are unstable and may collapse. Note: Some guests will not need to be informed if their activity is not close to the ruins. Updated Dec2019	Moderate If controls are followed

Disused wells and underground structures – unstable	Everyone	Guests are to be made aware that throughout the site there are disused underground structures. These are not to be entered as they are unstable and may collapse. Some of these areas are partially fenced off to reduce the risk. Note: Some guests will not need to be informed if their activity is not close to the disused wells and underground structures. Dec 2019	Moderate If controls are followed.
Holes in ground – Tripping hazard	Everyone	As Beaudesert is home to numerous species of fauna, many of which reside underground such as rabbits and badgers, there are multiple holes around site that could be a hazard. Guests are to be made aware of these on arrival and care should be taken when walking through the site off the main paths.	Tolerable If controls are followed.

All Beaudesert instructed activities have an individual risk assessment.

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