

RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity : Kayaking / Paddlesport at Fell Foot Park

Venue : Fell Foot, Windermere

Assessor : Barry Curley

Assessment Date : 12th April 2022

HAZARD	RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	LIKELYHOOD	CONSEQUENCE	CONTROL MEASURES
Weather	Exposure to wind, cold, heat, rain. Hypo/ Hyperthermia	Entire Group Individuals	Depends on weather	Medium - High	Leader to check weather conditions before and during activity
	Inability to position / steer boats (due to wind)	Entire Group Individuals	Depends on weather	Low - Medium	Ongoing assessment of conditions, course / location changes as prudent
	Change in conditions (may be rapid)	Entire Group Individuals	Depends on weather	Low - Medium	Ongoing assessment of conditions and flexibility in delivery of activity
Environment	Drowning	Individual	Low	High	Group briefings. Buoyancy aids, properly fitted, to be used in proximity to water & while paddling. Core skills of Leaders (rescue, first aid & CPR)
	Slips, Trips and Falls	Entire Group	Low – Medium	Low - High	Awareness of conditions underfoot, esp. when lifting / carrying on beach and slipways
	Injury due to collision with vehicles	Entire Group	Low	Medium - High	Brief group, ensure awareness in car park & boat yard areas
	Interaction / collision with other vessels	Entire Group	Low – Medium	Low – High	Group to be briefed regards other water users & vessels. Leaders to be aware of vessel movements & take early avoiding action as required.
	Dehydration	Entire Group	Low - Medium	Low - Medium	Encourage regular hydration. Leaders consider carrying water for group use

Equipment	Injury from poor manual handling	Entire Group	Medium	Medium - High	Clear briefing & demonstrations as required Only UCC personnel to carry boats
	Injury due to poor / faulty equipment	Entire Group	Low	Low – High	All equipment to be checked by UCC personnel prior to use. Ongoing checks during activity
People	Separation of group	Entire Group	Low	Low - High	Group briefing, reference to activity map. Ongoing group management; “return to start” if necessary
	Behaviour of other paddling groups	Entire Group	Low	Medium - High	Concise briefing, group control, avoidance measures as prudent
	Collision with other boats or water users	Entire Group	Low	Medium – High	Group briefing vis. other water users & vessels. Leaders to be aware of vessel movements & ensure that group takes early avoiding action as required
Transport	Injury due to unsafe vehicle or trailer	Entire Group / Public	Low	Medium - High	Individual UCC personnel to check vehicle / trailer and load prior to driving.

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This Risk Assessment is an overview of perceived hazards, their potential impact and the steps taken to mitigate; it does not over-ride any dynamic risk assessments carried out by UCC personnel during any club activity taking place at the venue. Club Activity Leaders are empowered and expected to make reasonable adjustments as they may deem necessary to reduce any risk arising from hazards identified by their own dynamic risk assessments.

Venue Address (if needed for Emergency Services) is National Trust Fell Foot Park, off the A592, Newby Bridge, Windermere, LA12 8 NN

What3Words location – shell.bootleg.bitter

OS Grid Reference – SD 381871

Nearest Accident and Emergency Departments:

16 Miles - Furness General Hospital, Dalton Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 4LF
 31 Miles - Lancaster Royal Infirmary, Ashton Road, Lancaster, LA1 4RP
 Westmorland General Hospital in Kendal does NOT have an A&E Department.

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