



WELTON WATERS ADVENTURE CENTRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity: OPEN WATER SWIMMING		Location: ON SITE USING LAKE			
Hazard	Risk	Who	Risk Rating	Control Measure	Out Come
Arriving On Site	None	All	Medium	All open water swimmers MUST report to the main office upstairs on arrival to register, for evening swim sessions all swimmers must report to Legion. All participants MUST complete a booking form and MUST state any medical conditions and medication needed.	Low
Swimming Control	Serious Injury or Fatality	All	High	No person will enter the water unless sanctioned by the group leader. On the day the route will be designated by the group leader and a board used to indicate swimmers route and direction. A safety boat must be on the water at ALL times. For larger groups safety kayak in situ. There MUST be at least one land based spotter at ALL times carrying a VHF radio (Channel M2) and throw line. A tally system MUST be operated for participants entering and leaving the water. Group leader to advise all participants of hazzards and emergency procedures.	Low
First Aid Control	Accidents & Injuries	All	High	A First Aider MUST be on site at ALL times. First Aid kit MUST be available at ALL times containing foil blanket. Proximity of warm building. Accident procedure to be actioned, accident book MUST be completed and emergency procedure followed. In case of emergency windsurfing platform, rowing platform or slipway can be used to remove casulty from water.	Low
Water Temperature	Hypothermia	All	High	Water temperature to be taken before swimmers enter the water. Water temperature MUST be above 11 degrees for novice open water swimmers. When the water temperature is 11 degrees or lower, experienced open water swimmers may enter the water at their own discretion	Medium
Water Quality	Diseases & Toxins	All	High	Frequent water tests by Enviroment Agency.	Low
Ingress into the water	Slips, Trips & Falls	All	Medium	All participants MUST wear appropriate footwear at ALL times when walking around site including platforms, pontoons and slipways. Footwear may be removed once swimmers are in the water. Participants to be aware of signage regarding slippy slipways and ramp, wet floors etc. Participants to be aware of changes in surfaces i.e. concrete, wood, tiles etc. Slipways MUST be checked for debris. Ingress into the water by using swimmers platform, the platfrom has vertical steps leading down into the water on the right hand side. ALL swimmers MUST use handrails when entering the water.	Low

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Lake bottom	Cuts, Grazes & Entanglement	All	Medium	All participants MUST be aware of hazards on the lake bottom i.e. stones, debris, weed, reeds etc.	Low
Swimming	Drowning	All	High	When water temperature is under 15 degrees all participants MUST wear appropriate wetsuit. All participants MUST be reasonably competent swimmers, novice open waters swimmers MUST stay in the lagoon area, experienced open water swimmers may enter the larger open lake area. A buddy system MUST be in operation at ALL times in conjunction with the tally system. Experienced swimmers may swim alone but MUST stay in the lagoon area and MUST wear a tow-float. Use board to indicate swimmers route and direction. All participants to be aware of other group members and local hazzards. ALL participants MUST wear either a Hi-viz swimming cap or tow-float at ALL times.	Low
Exiting the water	Slips, Trips & Falls	All	Medium	All participants MUST wear appropriate footwear when leaving the water. All participants MUST be aware of slippy conditions. When using swimming platform ALL swimmers MUST use handrails.	Low
Weather	Hypothermia Sunstroke	All	Medium	Correct clothing must be worn at ALL times. Proximity of warm building. In the event of thunder and/or lightning ALL participants MUST evacuate the water. Evacuation procedure is 3 blasts of a fog horn or whistle. No return to water until 30 mins. after last thunder and 45 mins. after last lightning.	Low
 Risk Assessment completed by: Print....Pete Blaney..... Sign.. 		Date of Risk Assessment: 15th March 2024			
		Risk Assessments to be continually revised			