



Risk-Benefit Assessment for Elmtree Wild Woods

Activity	Risks	Risk Factor (after mitigating controls outlined in RA)	Benefits	Decision	Ongoing monitoring arrangements
Tool Use (Includes: peelers, bow saw, loppers, power drill, knife, and bill hook)	Severe cuts and puncture wounds	21 Medium risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Knowledge of characteristics and uses of specific tools – Fine and gross motor control – Builds confidence and self-esteem – New skills enabling learner to develop and execute ideas 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out.
Fire Use (includes fire activities with children)	Burns and inhaling smoke	20 Medium risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Knowledge of characteristics and uses of fire – Knowledge of how to build and maintain a fire – Understanding of dangers posed by fire to individuals and the environment – Develops a respect of fire – Builds confidence and self-esteem – Fine-motor skills 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out.
Cooking on the fire	Food Poisoning, allergies, burns & scalding	14 Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Understanding some of the uses of fire – Knowledge of how to prepare and cook food using a fire – Develops engagements in cooking – Understand how to maintain a fire at an appropriate level to cook on 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out.
Tree Climbing / scrambling	Falls, broken limbs	21 Medium risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Understand the properties of trees and the difference in stability between dead/living branches – Teaches children about the dangers of height and how to stay safe – Builds confidence and self-esteem – Develops gross motor skills 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out

Natural Crafts	Foreign objects in eyes, upset stomach from eating materials, & allergic reaction from materials	5 Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition of shape, size, weights, etc. - Crafts can be linked to other areas of the curriculum - Fine and gross motor control - Problem solving - Creative development and thinking 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out
Mini beast hunting	Bites/stings & injuries by heavy logs being moved	5 Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge and understanding of the characteristics of different mini beasts - Develops identification skills - Develops a careful and caring approach to handling wildlife - Develops fine motor control 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out
Den Making/Shelter building	Trips, grazes and head injuries from falling branches	14 Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the properties of trees, branches and other natural resources - Develops fine and gross motor control - Problem solving - Develops verbal communication skills - Develops teamwork and co-operative play 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out
Natural Foraging	Poisoning and upset stomach	10 Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding of what is/is not safe to eat - Knowledge of what food can be created using natural fruits and berries - Understand the properties and uses of different fruits and berries in the wild 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out
Potion Making	Foreign objects in eyes, upset stomach from eating materials, & allergic reaction from materials	5 Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition of shape, size, weights, etc. - Fine and gross motor control - Problem solving - Creative development and thinking 	Activity can be delivered to appropriate groups, ensuring the mitigating controls outlined in the Risk Assessment are fully in place	Accident and Incident records to be reviewed monthly. Recurring incidents should be investigated and further assessments carried out