

KENT MOUNTAIN CENTRE RISK BENEFIT ASSESSMENT:

Gorge walking

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Benefits to Participants:

- Improve teamwork and communication
- Improve physical and mental wellbeing through activity and sharing common purpose with others
- Develop leadership skills and initiative
- Develop relationships with others
- Improve confidence
- Appreciate the natural environment
- Develop resilience
- Raise self-esteem
- Enhance curriculum specific learning
- Create transferable learning to improve outcomes in future at school and in work

Process/ Operation	Affecting	Potential risk	Control process to manage	Residual risk	Risk Benefit Analysis
Slips, trips, knocks	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	Medium	Careful briefing. Careful group management. Wear suitable footwear. Insist on good teamwork.	low	positive
Falling	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	medium	instructor briefing and monitoring, Relevent route choice	low	positive
Flash flood	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	medium	Instructors dynamic observation, flexible route choice	low	positive
Manual handling injuries whilst helping others	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	medium	Encourage teamwork, but advise on safe ways to help others. Check that this is being done carefully.	low	positive
5 Entrapment by feet or legs in fast water	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	suitable route choices	low	positive

Injury from impact with water surface due to misjudged takeoff when jumping into deep water	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	Instructor must make careful judgement that each participant is capable of this element. Correct tone must be set for sensible behaviour.	low	positive
rockfall	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	medium	Dynamic environmental observation and relevant, suitable route choices	low	positive
Hitting something due to misjudged takeoff when jumping in to deep water	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	medium	Instructor must make careful judgement that each participant is capable of this element. Correct tone must be set for sensible behaviour.	low	positive
Risks from immersion/cold/hypothermia	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	Instructors dynamic observation, flexible route choice	low	positive
DELIVERY:	TO BE DELIVERED AS PER OPERATING PROCEDURES				
OPERATING PROCEDURES:	The operating procedure document is to be read with this assessment by instructors.				
This Assessment to be reviewed by (Date):	23/05/2018				