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| **Activity: To Be Filled In** | **Emergency contact on site:** |
| **Date:** | **Mobile contact No.** |

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| **Location:**  Folly Wood, Folly Lane, Stroud | **Description of location:**  Private 3-acre woodland |
| **Nearest A &E Unit:**  Stroud Hospital | **Directions to A & E**  Trinity Road, Stroud, GL5 2HY. |
| **Access and meeting point for emergency vehicles:**  Folly Lane, GL5, Stroud. Proceed all the way up the hill, taking the left turn where Folly Lane joins Peghouse Rise and becomes a single track lane, and meet at the second turning to Wickridge House on your right . | |

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| **Site safety Coordinator:**  The site Safety Coordinator is the person present on site responsible for carrying out the designated activity. |

**send to Dominique Shead [dshead@btinternet.com] before the event**

**Signature of Site safety Coordinator: Date**

**Risk Assessment**

**example form - please amend as required**

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| **Activity: Camping, fire lighting,** |
| **Description:**  Camping in the woods, cooking on an open fire. |

**Severity and likelihood of risk: Low, Medium, High.**

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| **Hazard** | **Potential outcome** | | **Severity of**  **outcome** | | **Likelihood of**  **occurrence** | | **Actions to be taken to reduce risk** |
| Exposure to adverse weather | Hypo/hyperthermia, damaged tent/equipment resulting in compromised shelter | | H | | L | | Appropriate clothing to be worn to suit seasonal conditions.  Good-quality tents recommended  Brief a family member or close friend as to camping location and plans. |
| Water-Born Infection | Diarrhoea or vomiting. Connected diseases. | | M | | L | | Bring enough water with you  Boil water before drinking if unsure |
| Ticks | Lyme’s disease | | M | | L | | Check for ticks after each day in the woods. Make sure the entire tick is removed when discovered. Monitor for symptoms of Lyme’s disease (fever, headache, fatigue, and a characteristic skin rash called erythema migraines.) |
| Wildfire | Tent catching fire | | H | | L | | No cooking or naked flames inside tents.  Keep the site tidy and remove trip hazards around cooking area. Tents to be pitched away from fire circle. |
| Fire and heat | Burns/smoke inhalation  Skin and clothes getting burnt. Fire spreading | | M | | L | | Fires will only be lit in the main fire circle or the meditation circle. Wear fire/thick gloves when working around fire. Ensure fireplace is sound and secure. Keep surrounding area clear of trip hazards and flammable materials. Make sure there are no low hanging branches. Supervise fire at all times and put fire out before leaving/camping. Have water to hand to put fire out. Position oneself out of smoke direction. Dry wood used if possible to prevent excessive smoke  No burning of plastic. Only natural fuels used apart from when lighting – cotton wool may be used as a tinder |
| Cooking on fire | Scalding, burns | | M | | L | | Ensure pans and kettles are secure. Use fire/thick gloves when handling. Designate a safe place to leave pans when off the fire. |
| Falling debris | Head & other injuries | | L | | M | | Inspection of overhead situation. Check the forecast in advance. Do not camp out in woods in winds above 45mph |
| Slips, Trips | Cuts, bruises  sprains | M | | M | | Wear well-fitting boots, keep paths clear of trip hazards. | |
| Animals & wildlife around site | Unfriendly or startled pet or wild animal, mother protecting young.  bitten/trampled leading to serious incident. | L | | L | | Dynamic risk assessments throughout stay  Do not approach wild animals. | |
| Strangers/members of the public interfering with overnight camp | Inappropriate behaviour, harassment, rape | L | | L | | Members to carry a phone on them at all times.  Brief a relative or friend with plan to camp out and let them know when you return. Don’t camp solo if worried about safety. | |
| Any other hazards around site | Hazards vary from stepping on a tent peg, tripping over guy lines, to stepping on a hypodermic needle. Risks could vary from very minimal to high, with risk of infection or extensive bleeding. | L | | L | | * Dynamic risk assessment throughout stay * Any potential hazards removed * Footwear to be worn in camp site * Restricted areas if hazards are there or move camp if there are objective dangers. * Clear boundaries given | |
| Any other hazards expected? |  |  | |  | |  | |

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| Is solo camping expected | Yes. Members to carry a phone on them at all times.  Brief a relative or friend with plan to camp out and let them know when you return. Don’t camp solo if worried about safety. |
| Are there any environmental/wildlife considerations? | There are badger sets in the wood keep noise to a minimum near these sets. Control fire sites, leave site tidy etc. |