



Rather than a "thrill" type activity, our indoor bouldering wall is about skill and challenges. It is a good start for young people to gain confidence in climbing and can be used as a team building exercise. Whereas in climbing you move upwards and are secured with a rope, the idea with the bouldering wall is to traverse sideways without a harness. This isn't as easy as it sounds, but if more of a challenge is needed, try taking the shortcut via the overhang.

**Age:** Any age

**Group size:** Recommended 15 per hour

**Clothing:** Soft shoes rather than boots will make the activity easier

**Location:** Further up from the main campfire circle, in the woods next to the Black Hole.

**Safety:** Limit the number of participants inside the bouldering wall to a maximum of 15 at any one time. When climbing the participants feet must not go above the red line.

**Instructors:** This activity is self-run by the groups own leaders. It is recommended that you use at least two leaders to supervise the activity, but this will of course depend on the age of the participants.

## Briefing Sheet



# Bouldering

<b>Activity Risk Assessment</b>		<b>BOULDERING WALL</b>	
Date of Initial Assessment	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	Date of Initial Management Committee Approval	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Latest assessment review	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Review approved and issued by Management Committee	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Signature	JP	Signature	PEC

Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Who is at risk?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled
	<p>This activity is self-run by the visiting group leaders. The information below is provided to assist the groups' responsible leaders in the preparation of their own documented Risk Assessment</p> <p>Our risk assessment cannot take in to account the competence of the supervision nor the ability, medical condition, or attitude of the participants. It is expected that the factors below will be considered by the groups' responsible leader when completing their own documented Risk Assessment before and during use of the activity</p>		
Major collapse of Structure	The structure of the Bouldering wall is inspected during the closed season each year and the results recorded in the site Health and Safety file	Participants, campers, members of the public	
Collapse of Climbing face	The timber structure of the bouldering wall is inspected each month and defects reported by the participants are logged. The wall will be taken out of use, until repaired, if defects are serious	Participants	
Fall due to hold moving or breaking	Monthly inspection of the wall and any defects logged and corrected	Participant	The floor is mounted on rubber tyres and has the ability to absorb falls. The floor was renewed for the 2017 season
Wood splinter	Monthly inspections – Gloves have been considered but not though necessary	Participant	
Fall from the wall	Participants are instructed not to let their feet get over the 2 metre red line; the floor is sprung. It is expected that the participants will fall of the wall, but the consequence of the fall is mitigated. Supervised activity.	Participant	
Electrocution	Annual inspection of electrical system by a competent person	Participants, campers, member of the public	Electrical installation was replaced for the 2017 season.
Injury due to overcrowding of the wall	Maximum occupancy is advised and activity supervised by leaders.	Participants	

Third Party Injury	The wall is locked when the activity isn't being used so access is prevented. The front of the structure is covered to prevent climbing band sides and rear fenced off	Members of the Public, Campers	Consider covering scaffold tubes on sides and rear of structure. To prevent climbing
Covid – 19	Hand sanitiser to be used before start of session. Hands to be washed after session and sanitiser to be used again.	Participants	
Covid-19 Transmission of infection	If a member of the group become unwell with suspected Covid symptoms, they are to be removed by isolation and managed by the group, awaiting collection from site. If a member of the staff become unwell with suspected Covid symptoms, they are to remove themselves and leave site promptly	Everyone	

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