

# Beckford Nature Reserve - Risk Assessment

Company name: Beckford Nature Reserve

Date of risk assessment: 02<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

Completed by: Trustees

Date of next risk assessment: June 2020

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Overall Residual risk rating (L/M/H)
Deep open water	Visitors may be injured if they fall into the open water	New warning signs have been sited at each entrance. Throw lines are sited around the lake. Natural barriers installed to limit access to waters' edge.	Regularly check status of warning signs and throw lines. Barriers to be repaired / replaced as part of the maintenance plan.	Trustees & Warden	Ongoing & working parties	Low
SSSI quarry face	Visitors may be injured by falling material	Warning signs have been placed above and below quarry face. Barrier / segregation area now installed.	Regularly check status of warning signs. Segregation area to be inspected / maintained as part of the maintenance plan.	Trustees & Warden	Ongoing & working parties	Low
Footpaths and steps	Visitors may be injured if they slip or trip	Steps installed and lengths of timber placed to stabilise the footpaths. Wood chippings spread on footpaths & steps.	Regularly check / repair / replace steps & maintain chippings as part of the maintenance plan. Keep up spread of wood chippings.	Trustees & Warden	Ongoing & working parties	Medium
Overhanging trees and foliage	Traffic and visitors may be injured by overhanging foliage or trees falling into the road or footpaths	All permissive / public footpaths cleared of existing & potential overhanging foliage. Cut down at-risk trees adjacent to the roads or footpaths.	Regularly inspect and cut back trees and foliage as part of the maintenance plan. Increase frequency of checks during the 'growing' periods.	Trustees & Warden	Ongoing & working parties	Medium
Fixtures (benches, gates, hides etc.)	Visitors may be injured by worn / damaged fixtures	All fixtures inspected, repairs carried out and deemed to be in good order	Regularly inspect and maintain / repair / replace fixtures as part of the maintenance plan	Trustees & Warden	Ongoing & working parties	Low
Injurious weeds	Humans and animals may be at-risk if injurious weeds are present	Consulting with Subject Matter Expert on the discovery of ragwort	Prevent the spread of ragwort, control the perimeters and comply with the 2004 Code of Practice	Trustees, Warden & DEFRA	Ongoing & working parties	Low
Water quality	Humans and animals may be at-risk if blue green algae is present	Water inspected by Environment Agency (EA) following a report from a member of the public	Continually monitor the water condition of the reserve. Put up warning signs in future if in any doubt, follow-up with the EA.	Trustees, Warden & EA	Ongoing & working parties	Low

You should review your risk assessment if you think it might no longer be valid (eg following an accident in the workplace or if there are any significant changes to hazards, such as new work equipment or work activities). For information specific to your industry please go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk>. For further information and to view our example risk assessments go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies/>