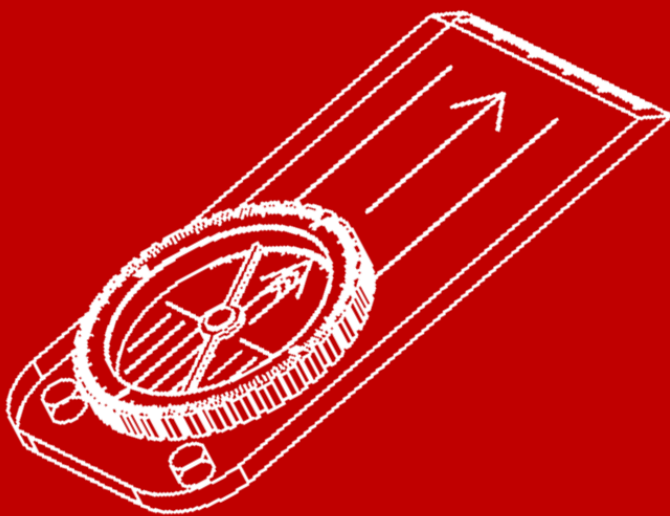


Scout Adventures

**General site risk assessment
& Guidance on responsibilities for
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In this document you'll find the general risk assessment for Scout Adventures sites, it describes hazards and controls common across our centres and is intended to give you an overview of the processes we use to manage risks on our centres. Please read it carefully while planning your visit.

Joint responsibility for safety











As the person organising your visit you have a legal duty of care to your group members to ensure that the risks to their health and safety are as low as reasonably practicable. Scout Adventures also have a duty of care to you and your group, it is important to understand who is responsible for which aspects of safety while you plan your visit.

	Scout Adventures will...	The Visiting Group will...
	We will manage the facilities and infrastructure of the site – including buildings, activities and the built environment. You can see a summary of these risks and controls later in this document.	You must risk assess the whole of your trip, including travel arrangements, and supervision at all times when young people are not under our instruction. (e.g. free time or your own programme)
	We will manage your group's safety during any instructed activities you take part in. You can see our activity risk assessments on our website .	During instructed activities you are responsible for the group's behaviour. A responsible adult must accompany each group of young people.
	If you hire self-led equipment we will make sure this is in safe working order, and provide you with guidance on how the equipment should be used. We will provide an induction for any self-led activities which use our activity bases.	If using self-led activities (your own or equipment hired from the centre) then you need to complete your own risk assessment for the activity. In some cases you will need to provide proof that the activity will be led by a competent adult.
	If you book catering we will provide safe food, considering allergens and dietary needs. If you hire a kitchen we will ensure this is safe to use.	If you are self-catering you must complete your own risk assessment, considering allergens, food hazards, and any general kitchen hazards.
	We will make reasonable adaptations to facilitate participation by guests with additional needs, and risk assess any adaptations to instructed activities.	You must inform us of any guests with additional needs (e.g. medical or accessibility), and share any details we need to make suitable adaptations.
	We will support you in an emergency such as a first aid incident, and ensure you can always reach a Duty Manager.	You need to have a suitably qualified first aider present, and make your own emergency contact arrangements.

Factors you should consider when writing your risk assessment

	The natural world has inherent risks which cannot and should not be removed. Where a natural hazard and its consequences are obvious to all we deliberately take little action to eliminate or isolate it. Outside of instructed activity sessions it is your responsibility to provide reasonable instruction and supervision to manage this risk to young people.
	You should reasonably expect the possibility of minor harm while taking part in instructed activities, or during your own self led activity. For instance small cuts and grazes while shelter building, or capsizing a canoe and falling in the water are both to be expected.
	Risk assessment is a process not a just a document – you need to communicate the controls of your risk assessment to your group, including other supervising adults. You should always brief group members on any rules or information they must follow for their own safety.
	We have a range of resources to help plan a residential and manage groups outdoors on our website .

General Precautions to support your safety

Before you arrive	 <p>Medical and Dietary Information</p> <p>You must inform us of any guests with dietary or additional needs (e.g. medical or accessibility) and share any details we need to make suitable adaptations.</p>	 <p>Risk assessment</p> <p>You must risk assess the whole of your trip, including travel arrangements, and supervision at all times when young people are not under our instruction</p>
	 <p>Emergency contact</p> <p>You must arrange a suitable procedure and ensure all adults on the visit understand your process for informing your organisation and parents/guardians of any incidents involving your group /members. The Scouts "In Touch" system can be used to support this.</p>	 <p>Pre-trip visit</p> <p>We strongly recommend that you arrange and complete a pre-trip visit where the adults responsible for planning your visit come to the site and gain first hand knowledge of the risks they will need to assess and plan for. We are always happy to answer your questions!</p>
On arrival	 <p>Check in</p> <p>Please check in at reception. You will be given information about Emergency procedures, Fire and Carbon monoxide safety, site services and your welcome pack.</p>	 <p>Brief your group</p> <p>You must ensure that the information you receive at check in is also communicated within your group. Please ensure young people are briefed on safety rules and boundaries.</p>
While you are here	 <p>Out of Bounds</p> <p>Please don't try to enter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Accommodation areas ○ Other groups buildings or lodges ○ Other groups camp sites ○ Activity bases ○ Service, or maintenance areas 	 <p>Equipment and Activities</p> <p>Please advise young people NOT to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ play on activity bases or with equipment unless you have permission. ○ play on structures which may have been left by other groups – e.g. tree swings, bridges, shelters.
	 <p>Hazards</p> <p>If you find a hazard on the site please try to take any reasonable action to prevent harm coming to young people (e.g. close an open gate), and then inform the duty manager.</p>	 <p>Help</p> <p>If you need support, have an incident or injury, require first aid or emergency assistance then please contact the duty manager or a member of our team for help.</p>

General Site Risk Assessment – Scout Adventures Centres.

This document describes hazards and controls common to across Scout Adventures centres. This risk assessment excludes adventurous activities and only includes hazards which may affect visiting customers – it does not cover hazards specific to workers. The document provides a summary of the relevant controls in each area – in many areas (e.g. Legionella Management) the full records in our Health and Safety Management system contain hundreds of pages – in this document we are providing you with a concise overview of the controls in place so that you have a reasonable understanding of the hazards and residual risks associated with visiting the site. If you feel there are hazards missing or need further information about controls in any area identified, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Visiting groups complete their own suitable and sufficient risk assessment to control and mitigate hazards from their visit. You should be particularly aware of hazards with a Medium residual risk rating which require you to be aware and alert to how this hazard should be controlled during your visit.

Severity Factor & Residual Risk Descriptors

Level	Severity Description	Residual Risk Description
Low	Minor injury requiring no treatment, or simple first aid.	Control measures have reduced the severity and/or likelihood to minimal levels.
Medium	Injury would require the participant to stop an activity or task medical treatment is beyond the skills of a basic first aider.	Control measures have reduced severity and/or likelihood to an adequate level but hazard still requires dynamic risk assessment and conscious consideration.
High	Injury would require expert medical attention and/or be fatal.	Control measures haven't reduced severity or likelihood to an acceptable level.

Hazards	Who may be harmed?	Foreseeable Severity	Control Measures in Place	Residual Risk
General Safety arrangements - For information			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Scout Adventures sites are a directly managed part of the Scout Association and operate under its the Health and Safety Policy and insurance policies. o We use systems of site inspections, incident reporting, and periodic to identify emerging hazards and review control measures. o The Scout Association is in a primary authority partnership with Newcastle City Council who provide assured advice to us as an organisation. o All of our centres hold the LOTC Quality badge, at relevant centres we also hold AALS licenses for adventurous activities. 	N/A
Pedestrian impact from a vehicle.	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Vehicle routes are visually obvious in high traffic areas. o Key meeting areas are closed to vehicles. o Drivers asked to observe speed limits and drive with care and awareness of pedestrians. o Young people should be briefed to be aware of vehicles when moving on tracks/roads. 	Medium
LPG Leak from bulk storage.	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LPG installations are professionally installed and inspected by the supplier. o A Major Incident Plan exists to manage fire or similar events on centre. 	Low

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Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All buildings with fuel burning appliances are equipped with Carbon Monoxide alarms. o Safety posters on Carbon Monoxide poisoning are displayed around the site. o Campers should consider using a portable Carbon Monoxide Alarms if using fuel burning appliances. These may be available to borrow, subject to availability. o All campers should familiarise themselves with the risks and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning when using fuel burning appliances (e.g. stoves, lanterns BBQs and heaters) in particular around enclosed spaces such as tents and dining spaces. 	Medium
Serious first aid incident requiring additional support	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A Duty Manager with First Aid at Work training will always be available on call. o An Automated External Defibrillator is available and recorded with the emergency services. o The Major Incident Plan identifies key support to assist emergency and medical services. 	Medium
Safeguarding incident on centre	Visitors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All visiting adults retain responsibility for young people on centre and are responsible for the wellbeing, behaviour and supervision of their young people. o All Scout Adventures staff have completed Safeguarding training and DBS checks. o Duty Managers have more detailed Safeguarding Training and are able to liaise with The Scout Associations central safeguarding team for support. 	Medium
Fallen trees or damage to tree branches/limbs.	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The site is zoned into High, and low risk areas, an arboreal survey is completed on regular basis by a competent person to identify high hazard trees, and a management plan is in place for these areas. Low risk areas are managed as natural woodland. o In extreme weather conditions (or following them) we may close areas of woodland. o After extreme weather or other exceptional circumstances trees in high and medium risk areas are subject to additional informal observation to identify obvious developing hazards. o Groups should be aware of the phenomena of “summer limb drop” in mature broadleaved trees and avoid camping directly underneath trees at risk. o All site users are asked to be vigilant of and report hazards. Groups leading camping should include hazards of site selection in their risk assessment and training to participants. 	Medium
Hazardous plants or vegetation (e.g. Giant Hogweed)	Visitors, Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The site is monitored for obvious invasive species and a management plan drawn up on a case by case basis including isolation or removal of hazardous species if appropriate. o Information about known species is displayed in customer areas, and staff/volunteers have access to information to help identification. 	Low
Trespass or unauthorised people on site.	Visitors, Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All buildings are lockable and guests are given keys to secure buildings. o Critical services, equipment and stored are secured when not in use. o External security services are used when a higher risk of trespass is evident or perceived. o All staff, volunteers and visitors are asked to be vigilant for unauthorised people, and either challenge or report concerns. o Camping guests are asked to ensure valuables are kept secure and not left in tents. 	Medium

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charging lockers are provided for electronics, or groups can lock items in their own vehicles. Where there are public foot paths across site signage exists asking user to stay on the path. 	
Dogs and Wild Animals	Visitors, Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our sites are rural and there may be large wild animals present (e.g. Deer, Foxes), however wild animals will generally avoid areas where human activity is taking place. Please do not actively feed wild animals, and ensure that food items are suitably stored so as not to attract wild animals. Guests should report concerns to the Duty Manager, for instance if they see an animal in distress or acting aggressively. Our woodland sites are all home to Grey squirrels. In general squirrels will stay away from humans, however they may seek food from bins, or tents if not stored securely. We recommend that groups keep all food stuffs secured in sealable boxes. Guests are not permitted to bring dogs onto the site. On some centres residential staff may own dogs, however dogs will always be kept under close control. Some sites have public rights of way, and members of the public may walk across these with dogs – we ask members of the public to ensure dogs are on leads, and will challenge anyone we see not following this request. 	Low
Electrical fault or damage to electrical systems on site	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All fixed electrical systems are inspected by a competent person on a regular basis in line with the relevant management arrangements. Portable electrical equipment owned by the centre is tested on a regular basis. Staff and volunteers are trained to identify electrical hazards. 	Low
Water contamination	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full L8 risk assessment and management plan is in place for the site which includes flushing, and temperature checks for services. 	Low
Exposure to Asbestos	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An asbestos management plan is in place for the centre. Any asbestos present is managed in accordance with HSE guidance. 	Low
Building/Tented Village Fire	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every building/tented village has a Fire Risk assessment which details fire hazards and specified means of escape and fire actions. Groups are briefed on the buildings fire plan upon arrival and this information is repeated at fire points within the building/tented village Package groups complete a fire drill on arrival, all groups are advised to do so also. 	Low
General Fires (Campsites, wild fires etc)	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group leaders are required to read the fire safety information provided in buildings, and at fire points around the site – they must ensure that information is also passed to the rest of their group. This information is also available in advance of your visit. 	Medium

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Fires may only be lit by groups in designated locations (or using designated equipment such as alter fires). The Duty manager ca provide up to date guidance on this as fires may be restricted at specific times of the year based on fire risk. o Group's are required to ensure that they have a suitable means of extinguishment for any fires they light, such as water, sand or an extinguisher, all fires must be attended by a suitably mature and competent person at all times – the leader in charge should determine whether this includes young people (e.g. explorer scouts) based on their knowledge of their group. o Fire points are located around the site, generally close to Toilet Blocks, they are identified on the site map. In an emergency site users can use the fire buckets provided and also use the alarm box to raise the alarm to others in the area. o Please contact the emergency services and duty manager if you become aware of any fire which his out of control or spreading. 	
Injury or illness related to catering service (e.g. Allergens, food poisoning)	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All of our kitchens are maintained and inspected to the standards required by the relevant regulators and enforcement authorities. o Kitchen staff receive training on their roles including allergens, and cross contamination. We complete regular audits to ensure that our catering standards meet industry guidelines. o We gather information about dietary needs as part of our booking process and groups must ensure that this information is recorded on the correct forms and returned to the centre. o Where groups provide their own catering they should ensure that they are aware of any dietary needs, and should plan to cater safely – detailed guidance for food safety can be found on scouts.org.uk 	Low
Illness from communicable diseases	Visitors, Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All facilities are cleaned regularly. Visiting groups are expected to maintain hired buildings in a clean and hygienic state. o Hygiene facilities are in places across the site (hand washing and showers) o If a group becomes aware of an illness (e.g. norovirus) then they must report this to the duty manager who will arrange for affected spaces to be isolated and deep cleaned. 	Low
Injury associated with tents or marquees	Visitors, Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Where the site has pitched tents for groups to use these will be checked to ensure they are structurally sound, and where necessary they will be secured with guy ropes or similar. o Tented villages are equipped with fire points and information about emergency procedures, they have Fire Risk Assessments in place. o We recommend that all customers making use of tents (either their own or those supplied by the centre) come equipped with torches and the other camping equipment that would be reasonably expected of someone camping (e.g. weather appropriate clothing, sleeping bag) 	Medium

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Falls from Height	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any artificial structure providing access to height is secured from unauthorised access. Staff and volunteers are trained in safe working at height and provided with necessary controls and PPE when this is required. Natural features (e.g. trees, rocky crags) are not managed for this hazard except where there is an increased risk of unauthorised use, where signage warns of the hazard. (Leaders should pay attention to the controls described under the hazard "Natural Topography of the site" for further information on this specific hazard) 	Medium
Drowning in open Water	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manmade water holding structures (e.g. tanks) are secured from unauthorised access. Significant natural water features (pools, ponds, lakes) are provided with public rescue equipment, and warning signage. All have shallow areas where a casualty can egress safely. 	Medium
Work equipment and plant	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All work equipment is inspected before use and on a regular basis dependent on its level of risk as determined by PUWER. High risk equipment which presents a high risk of injury if used incorrectly or by untrained users is secured or made inoperable when not in use. 	Low
Natural Topography of the site	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group leaders are asked to provide appropriate supervision and instruction to groups at all times when not on instructed activities. Natural hazards which are readily apparent within the natural environment may not have additional physical controls – adults must brief their groups – for instance not to enter bodies of water, and not to climb on rocks, crags or similar features without appropriate supervision. Where a natural hazard is not obvious, or where there is an access point (e.g. a jetty) we provide warning signage, and if appropriate barriers such as fencing or defensive planting. Group Leaders should consider all foreseeable occasions when planning their supervision in relation to this hazard. This includes free time activities, or if young people are moving around the site at night. You should consider the ability of young people to manage this themselves (and therefore how directly you may need to supervise them), as well as considerations around clothing, equipment, designated routes, and systems such as buddying up. It is important to understand that our sites are natural environments and it is neither possible or desirable to remove or isolate all of the natural hazards within them. 	Medium
Slips, and trips on paths and moving across the site	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site presents numerous dynamic hazards which users should be vigilant for based on weather conditions, the natural environment and actions of other site users. This may include icy paths, roots, mud, unlit areas, tent guy lines. Group leaders should brief and supervise their young people, and ensure they are suitable equipped for the conditions presented. 	Medium
Missing People	Visitors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site has a systematic Missing person (lost child) plan which they can use to help locate missing individuals. 	Low

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Leaders should consider all foreseeable occasions when planning their supervision in relation to this hazard. This includes free time activities, or if young people are moving around the site at night, and behavioural challenges. You should consider the ability of young people to manage this themselves (and therefore how directly you may need to supervise them) 	
Hazardous areas (e.g. work yards)	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of the site which contain additional work hazards (e.g. maintenance yards, storage areas) are fenced and have clear signage warning against unauthorised access. The site map details areas which are “out of bounds” for guests and visitors. 	Medium
Inclement weather	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site has an inclement weather plan which considers the risk posed by extreme weather (e.g. wind, snow, heat, thunder and lightning). The duty manager will advise guests on action they should take, and may rearrange planned programmes to facilitate safety. Groups should consider weather forecasts ahead of arrival, and make arrangements to protect their group from any extreme weather. Groups needing assistance or support should contact the duty manager who will be able to arrange emergency shelter from extreme weather. 	Low
Confined spaces	Visitors	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All confined spaces are secured from unauthorised access. 	Low
Poor mobile phone signal	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many sites (excluding Gilwell Park) have poor mobile phone signal which may affect your ability to communicate with your group members, or contact emergency help. All centres have duty staff who can provide help or contact external help, where you may need to raise help from our team and phone signal is limited then alternative in person arrangements are in place, for example a designated emergency phone. 	Medium
Emergency Services Response	Visitors, Staff	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our sites are large with limited access points. There may be a significant delay in emergency services reaching specific parts of site, especially at Great Tower and Broadstone Warren. Site users must ensure that the site Duty Manager is informed when ever the emergency services are contacted so that they can put our emergency plans into action which will help guide emergency services to the location of the incident. At Great Tower specifically visitors should consider whether to ask for Mountain Rescue when contacting the emergency services if an injury occurs in a remote part of the site away from vehicle tracks. 	Low
Manual handling injury to customers.	Visitors	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customers retain responsibility for the safety of their group while completing self-led activities – including loading or unloading equipment, collecting firewood. Trolleys or other manual handling aids are available from site staff on request. 	Low
Vermin (e.g. Rats) spreading zoonosis	Visitors, Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centre staff are vigilant for signs of vermin in and around buildings. Professional pest contractors are used to control vermin where necessary. 	Low
Injury from unauthorised	Visitors	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors are not permitted to use activity equipment (e.g. low ropes courses, high ropes courses, target ranges etc) without permission from the centre. 	

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access to activity equipment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The centre will remove or make inaccessible any activity equipment so far is reasonably practicable. Activity areas are normally defined by a clear boundary, although this may not be the case for natural features. o Young people should be briefed not to use activity equipment unless authorised to do so. 	
Injury from unauthorised activity equipment, or equipment not managed by the centre.	Visitors	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Groups are required to managed the safety and security of their equipment while making use of the centre. This includes arrangements for safe storage of flammable materials, and sharp items such as knives, axes and saws – in particular when they are left unattended. o Groups should ensure that any temporary structures or equipment they use on site should be left in safe condition when unattended, and removed entirely after use. For example slack lines, bivouacs or tree swings. The suitability and liability for the use of this type of equipment sits entirely with the visiting group and you must ensure that you have thorough risk assessment and appropriate controls in place to protect both your group, and other site users. o Groups should brief their young people not to play with, in or on any equipment they find on the site which they have not been given permission to use. This includes tree swings which may have been left by other groups – if your group finds a tree swing or similar structure then please inform the duty manager so any hazards can be controlled. 	
Injury during an instructed activity	Participants	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All instructed activities are completed using a safe system of work which includes risk assessments, operating procedures, training, supervision and monitoring. 	Low
Participants are injured during a self-led activity	Participants	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Groups completing self-led activities (including those hired from the centre) are clearly advised that they retain responsibility for managing the risks of the activity. o Hired activity equipment is supplied with good practice instructions, details of emergency support, and where it requires an indication of competency qualifications/permits are verified and an induction is completed with the hirer. 	Medium

Key information you should consider when risk assessing your visit to our sites



We strongly recommend that you complete a site visit to the centre during your planning process. It is essential that you are able to understand the physical nature of the site to help guide you in providing the right level of instruction and supervision to your group.

<p>Broadstone Warren RH18 5JS Site Map</p>	<p>Broadstone Warren is a large, predominantly woodland site with uneven natural terrain throughout. There are several public rights of way crossing the property. While site boundaries are marked, they may not always be obvious, particularly in poor weather, low light conditions, or when moving off established paths.</p> <p>The site contains a large pond, streams, bridges, and areas of dense vegetation. Ground conditions may become slippery, muddy, or uneven, particularly after wet weather. Ticks may be present in bracken, ferns, or long vegetation.</p> <p>Much of the site lies within a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Groups must take care to minimise environmental impact and must not damage trees, vegetation, habitats, or natural features. Digging, cutting vegetation, damage to trees, or creating new routes or structures is generally prohibited if in doubt please check with site management.</p> <p>Mobile phone reception may be limited in some parts of the site, particularly in lower-lying areas, and there is limited wifi access around the reception building. Groups should consider how they will maintain communication and supervision where reception is poor.</p>
<p>Gilwell Park E4 7QW Site Map</p>	<p>Gilwell Park is a large open site consisting mainly of fields, with some woodland areas and internal road networks. The site boundary is generally well defined by fencing; however, a public right of way passes through the centre of the property and may be used by members of the public at any time.</p> <p>The site includes a large pond, which should be treated as out of bounds unless accessed as part of an instructed activity session. The site also incorporates Scouts UK Headquarters, office facilities, and associated car parks. Groups should remain aware of vehicle movements, particularly on roads between the main entrance and accommodation or camping areas.</p> <p>Supervision arrangements should take account of movement around the site during free time and hours of darkness.</p>
<p>Great Tower LA23 3PQ Site Map</p>	<p>Great Tower Scout Activity Centre is a large, predominantly woodland site within a steep and rocky natural environment. The site includes exposed crags, uneven terrain, boulders, ponds, marshy areas, and woodland tracks which may become slippery in wet, icy, or low-light conditions. Ticks may be present in bracken, ferns, or long vegetation.</p> <p>Public rights of way cross parts of the western side of the property, and there are numerous access points around the site perimeter. Although site boundaries are generally marked by walls or fences, they may not always be obvious, particularly in poor visibility or darkness.</p>

	<p>Vehicle access is limited in some areas and much of the terrain is steep, rough, and uneven. Large tents (e.g. traditional patrol tents) are not suitable for most camping areas as there are many rocks and stones close to the surface of the ground.</p> <p>Group leaders should carefully consider how young people will be supervised within this environment, particularly during free time, after dark, or when moving independently around site. Consideration should be given to the age, experience, and capability of participants, alongside appropriate controls such as designated routes, buddy systems, lighting, suitable footwear and clothing, boundary briefings, and enhanced supervision where required. Young people may become disorientated or lost if moving around the site unsupervised, especially during darkness or poor weather, potentially exposing them to significant natural hazards.</p> <p>Mobile phone reception may be limited in some parts of the site, particularly towards the west and lower-lying areas, and there is limited wifi access around the reception building. Groups should consider how they will maintain communication and supervision where reception is poor.</p>
<p>Youlbury OX1 5HD Site Map</p>	<p>Youlbury Scout Activity Centre is a medium sized site comprising mixed woodland, and clearings with one large open fields,. Site boundaries are generally well defined by fencing or hedgerows. A public right of way runs along the eastern boundary of the site (outside the boundary), alongside a road containing four vehicle access points into the property.</p> <p>The site contains one significant pond, which is fenced. Terrain across the site is generally natural and uneven in places, particularly within woodland areas and during periods of wet weather.</p> <p>Mobile phone reception may be limited in some parts of the site, particularly towards the northern and lower-lying areas. Groups should consider how they will maintain communication and supervision where reception is poor.</p>

The Scout Association provides detailed guidance on Safe Camping, residentials and outdoor skills. You can find it at the below address:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/safe-camping-residentials-and-outdoor-skills/>

There is also detailed guidance on Planning and assessing risk - including free time activities, and providing supervision. You can find it at the below address:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/safety/planning-and-assessing-risk/>