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Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium
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### Risk Assessment – Plant Classification Walk

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**Operating Notes:**

Supervision ratio is 1 instructor to 1 class plus one additional instructor nearby. There is no requirement for an additional adult. Instructor to be trained to in-house syllabus. Refresher training as directed by session observations

**Risk – Benefit Statement:** It important to explore the wider reserve, crossing the road to find the different plants that grow in a range of habitats.

Hazard Description and activities giving rise to risk	Who may be harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
Slips, trips, falls. Public & dogs <b>Walking on the reserve</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor leads the way, pupils walk behind, with member of staff at end of line</li> <li>Pupils told not to talk to public</li> <li>Pupils told not to stroke dogs, we stand still &amp; wait for owner to put dog on lead</li> <li>Groups of pupils assigned an adult to stay in sight of at all times</li> <li>Pupils warned of hazards: rabbit holes, open water, nettles, gorse, overhanging branches</li> </ul>	low
Death by poisoning Allergic reactions <b>Poisonous plants and fungi</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any poisonous plants are pointed out and children told to admire but not touch</li> <li>Pupils should wash hands in soapy water after this activity</li> <li>Please write on the booking form any pupils know to be allergic to pollen or plants.</li> </ul>	medium

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Road Accident <b>Crossing the haul road</b>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The haul road is used by sand lorries and heavy plant machinery going to the working sand quarry. Instructors will stop pupils at a safe distance before the road. Listen and look for vehicles and escort pupils across whilst standing themselves in the middle of the road. High vis tabards are available on request.</li> <li>Instructors will use the safe crossing places</li> <li>Although traffic is infrequent on this road it is big and in dry weather creates a cloud of dust so stand well back from any traffic</li> </ul>	medium
Drowning <b>Passing bodies of water</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We may go to 100-year wood and walk close past a pond; the instructor will go first and make sure the route is still safe/not flooded</li> </ul>	low
<b>First Aid emergencies</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take first aid kit</li> <li>Take radio</li> </ul>	
<b>Weather Conditions</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lead instructor will review the risk assessment in view of the season &amp; weather on the day.</li> <li>The instructor will amend activity if ongoing changing weather conditions effect risks</li> </ul>	low