

DESCRIPTION OF TASK / ACTIVITY	<p>Generic Risk Assessment (Gorge Walk)</p> <p>This is a generic Risk Assessment. It is the responsibility of the Head of Establishment / Visit Leader to prepare a Risk Assessment for a visit that recognises these general hazards but also provides adequate details of the hazards and control measures of their specific undertaking.</p> <p>Local Authorities / other organisations may require Visit Leaders to complete their own specific risk assessment template e.g., one that uses a scoring system that provides a quantifiable measure of the risk.</p> <p>The generic information below sets out general hazards and control measures, which can be adapted and used with any template – the information can be used either as a standalone risk assessment for the adventure activity element of a visit or integrated into the risk assessment for a whole visit.</p>
LOCATION	<i>Specific trip details to be added</i>

Item	Aspect of trip: potential hazards and risks	Who is at risk?	What are you already doing, i.e., what Control Measures are already in place?	Further Actions Required
1	Travel & Transport			
			<i>Specific trip details to be added</i> NOTE: Further control measure may be required within this section to ensure that the Maximum Authorised Mass is not exceeded when towing equipment, and transporting participants and equipment	
2	Participants Health & Wellbeing			
			<i>Specific trip details to be added</i>	
3	Venue (Burns)			
			<i>Specific trip details to be added</i> NOTE: Further control measures for reducing recognised risks will need to make when you are leading the activity in the different environments and conditions	
4	Activity (Gorge Walk)			
	Incompetent Staff	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity group Leader will hold appropriate qualifications and / or approved / recognised competency appropriate to the venue and level of activity being undertaken 	

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	Inappropriate plan	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity Group must be adequately trained and prepared before taking to the water Instructor to have prior knowledge of gorge 	
	Drowning	Participants & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to check all participants swimming ability before starting the activity Participants and staff to wear fitted buoyancy aids when on and around the water's edge 	
	Slips and trips and falls	Participants & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate shoes must be worn by all whilst on activity Staff to give safety brief which includes how to walk and swim in the gorge (e.g., tuck and roll) 	
	Use of rope in moving water – risk of entanglement	Participants & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of rope supervised at all times Appropriate manageable rope length used Knife accessible 	
	Fall from height e.g., waterfalls, access/egress	Participants & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity group Leader set up belay/ hand line/spot as necessary Activity group Leader to demonstrate ascending technique All participants to wear appropriate helmets for venue Potential fall height assessed and managed appropriately 	
	Equipment Failure	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment is visually inspected before every use Technical equipment is inspected and recorded annually 	Inspection period to be reduced from annually to 6 months during periods of high usage
	Swimming in Cold Water (risk of hypothermia, dry drowning)	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to ensure all wear appropriate equipment for the activity in relation to the seasonal weather 	
	Natural gorge features (e.g., pools, drops, squeezes, sumps, underwater obstacles) - entrapment/drowning	Participants & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity group leader to brief participants and check for obstacles and depth prior to participants' entry Dynamic risk assessment throughout Activity group leader to demonstrate and coach on correct techniques Activity group leader ensure close supervision at pools Rescue plan for specific hazards outlined to participants prior to attempt 	

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	High water levels - risk of being knocked over/drowning	Participants & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor will have prior knowledge of venue and water level references Weather and water levels monitored prior to and during activity Early coaching in secure movement (e.g., buddy system) Modify/Abandon if necessary 	
5	Weather & Environment			
			<i>Specific trip details to be added</i>	
6	Emergencies			
			<i>Specific trip details to be added</i> NOTE: Further control measure for recognising how to call for help in the event of an emergency such as a mobile phone or GPS location device are to be carried by staff when operating gorge walking activity in remote locations	
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