

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR CAMPING

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FOR USE BY STEWART YATES TRADING AS ASSYNT FLY FISHING ONLY

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HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	PRE-ACTION RISK H/M/L	PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN	POST-ACTION RISK H/M/L	FURTHER ACTIONS
Fire	ALL	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use CO2 Detectors if using wood burning stove in bell tent. Keep tent well ventilated. • Cooking away from and downwind of 'expedition' tents. • No smoking in or around tents. • No gas lighting in or near tents. 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual vigilance by guide and group. • Brief group on emergency procedures.
Illness from poor hygiene or under-cooked food.	ALL	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food prepared by holder of current food handling certificate. • High personal hygiene standards maintained at all times. • Proper toilet siting and use. 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual vigilance by guide and group. • Brief group on dangers of poor hygiene and food poisoning.
Extreme weather leading to tent collapse.	ALL	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather prior to departure. • Site selection with consideration for prevailing conditions. Site surveyed and well known to guide prior to activity. • Guide to supervise and assist in erection of tents. 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of weather conditions. • Abandonment of activity if deemed necessary by guide.
Risks posed by wild animals and insects.	ALL	M-H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefed on the hazards presented by: Midges and Horseflies – Irritant that may cause loss of concentration, leading to more serious accident. • Ticks – Possibility of Lyme Disease and symptoms thereof. Tick removal tool carried by guide in First Aid kit. • Stags (during rutting season) – May challenge walkers, stay well clear. • Adders – Venomous snake but very rare, be vigilant, wear gaiters or high boots. 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual close monitoring of group by guide. • Vigilance by all in group.

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Increased or emphasised risks associated with participants with limited abilities (e.g. children, elderly or disabled).	SEE HAZADRD	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guide will endeavour to thoroughly ascertain the abilities of each individual within the group, paying particular attention to persons with limited abilities. • Each individuals' ability must be carefully considered by the guide and the activity planned and conducted accordingly. • Participants under sixteen years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times and that adult must ensure that the child or young person fully understands the risks and will adhere to the precautions given in the risk assessments. • Persons with disabilities that significantly hinder their ability to safely undertake the activity must be accompanied by a carer who - through reading, understanding and adhering to the risk assessments - will be responsible for the safety of the individual. 	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should limited abilities, or more severely limited abilities than previously disclosed, become apparent during the activity, the activity may be modified or abandoned. • Thorough briefing and Q&A by the guide prior to commencing the activity. • Openness and honesty continually encouraged by the guide to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all participants.
Uneven, slippery ground and obstacles hidden under vegetation and underwater when wading.	All	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific hazards highlighted to group. • Group made aware that this hazard cannot be completely eliminated and will always be present. • Suitable footwear worn by all participants. • Walking poles available to group members. 	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vigilance from all of the group. • On approach and departure from venue, the guide walks in front and the rest of the group follow in single file. Hazards are highlighted by the guide and passed along the line to ensure that all are aware.