

Heathland Investigation

Visit to: Salthouse Heath	Group Size: Up to 40 pupils	Age: A-level
Leader: Holt Hall Teaching Staff	Learning Intentions: To investigate effects of succession and management on heathland plants	

Hazard	How To Manage It - What procedures will be in place (controlled measures)
<p>Foot injuries from tree stumps</p> <p>- Cuts/scratches from gorse, heather, bramble</p> <p>- Snake bite</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people warned that there are many stumps in the areas where birch has been removed • Young people told to take extra care and not to run
<p>Ticks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people made aware of the risks and instructed to wear appropriate clothing. This should include long trousers and shoes rather than sandals or flip-flops • In the event of a snake bite dial 999 Location: TG072422 Salthouse Heath – Between Lowes Farm and crossroads (Nightingale Corner) If the minibus is parked off the road an adult should wait on the road at the track entrance for the emergency services • Centre staff should carry a mobile phone • In the event of a member of visiting staff supervising project work on the Heath, Centre staff must ensure they have a mobile phone and the location details along with the Centre's telephone number in case of emergencies
<p>Eye pokers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a young person gets a tick they should be taken to Holt Medical Practice to have it removed. The group leader should be aware of the symptoms of Lyme disease should these develop later (see General Risk Assessment for symptoms)
<p>Sunburn/dehydration/heat stroke</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people to take extra care when in woodland or scrub • Young people advised to wear suncream and drink plenty of water
<p>Injuries from fieldwork equipment (e.g. ranging poles, large quadrats)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people not to run when carrying equipment • Ranging poles to be carried vertically with the point downwards • Quadrats not to be carried around neck or slung around body
<p>Minibus travel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See general risk assessment
<p>Traffic accident</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people to keep to the edge of the road when getting on and off minibuses • Young people supervised at appropriate ratios (see Educational Visits and Journeys folder)

Heathland Investigation

Reference to Generic Risk Assessments/Polices and Operation Procedures:

General Risk Assessment – Holt Hall Field Studies Centre (available via our website www.holthall.norfolkedunet.gov.uk)

Educational Visits and Journeys, Procedures and Guidance, Norfolk County Council 2004 (updated 2008). A copy of this document is available at www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk. Navigate to Educational Visits and Journeys from A-Z menu.

Quality Safety & Sustainability, NAFSO (Copy held by Holt Hall Field Studies Centre)

Alternative Plans:

Review:

Ongoing/Dynamic Risk Assessments undertaken during visit

Assessment made by _____

Signed _____

Date Reviewed:

Created by S Woodhouse
Reviewed by S Woodhouse
Reviewed by S Woodhouse

Date 27.06.07
Date 04.09.09
Date 21.01.11