

Site Hazard Card

Holt Hall Field Study Centre

Invertebrate Studies / Life Under the Leaves

Location

Holt Hall Estate

Risks

The following risks are applicable to anyone taking part in this activity.

- Problems due to poor supervision.
- Injuries as a result of walking through woodland.
- Allergic reaction to bites, stings or nuts.
- Choking hazard from incorrect pooter use.
- Problems from improper use of equipment.

Safety Measures

- Staff: student ratio must be at least 1:6+1 for year 3 and 1:15+1 for years 4-6, not including Holt Hall Staff but wherever possible use a ratio of 1:10 +1 for years 4-6. Staff: student ratio must be 1:15+1 for years 7-13.
- All students must listen to safety instructions.
- When using pooters, students must suck the tube that has a stopper in it and use the straws provided for hygiene.
- When using beating trays care must be taken when opening and closing beating trays to avoid ripping the material. Tree beating sticks must be carried vertically and used sensibly without undue force.
- When using sweep nets, care must be taken to avoid sweeping the net through twigs or brambles that will tear the net. Sweep Nets must be carried vertically and used sensibly.
- Care must be taken when using trowels to set pitfall traps.
- Schools will be charged for lost or broken equipment.
- Some plants on the estate are poisonous. Students may not eat any part of any plant (or animal!) from the estate.
- Students may not put their fingers in their mouths or eat anything at any time during this lesson.
- Some invertebrates may bite or sting. Care and respect when handling the creatures is essential.
- If any student has an allergy to bites or stings or to nuts please ensure that Holt Hall staff are made aware of this so that precautions can be taken.
- All students should wash their hands with soap at the end of this lesson.

Emergency numbers

- Ambulance, Police: 999
- Cromer Hospital: 01263 513571
- Holt Surgery: 01263 712461
- Holt Hall: 01263 713117

Telephone locations in an emergency

- Holt Hall administration office