

Risk Assessment Holt Hall Field Study Centre

Life Under The Leaves/Woodland Invertebrates Minibeast Magic – Woodland

Location Holt Hall

Risks

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

- Twigs in eyes
- Cuts and scratches (from bramble and sticks)
- Sprains and strains
- Allergic reaction to bites, stings or nits.
- Poisoning from plants or fungi
- Injuries from improper use of equipment
- Infection/choking hazard from pooter use

Control Measures

- Young people must be told to walk when in woodland
- Holt Hall staff must check nominal roll for any allergies and make necessary arrangements with young people and visiting staff
- Young people must be told not to eat anything that they find in the woods
- All young people should wash their hands with soap at the end of this lesson.
- Young people must be shown how to use all equipment safely
- Straws should be used with pooters to reduce the risk of infection
- Tree beating sticks and sweep nets must be carried vertically and used sensibly without undue force.

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