

Site Hazard Card

Holt Hall Field Study Centre

Night Walk

Location

Holt Hall Estate, usually Old Pollard Wood and not near the lakes.

Risks

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

- Problems due to inadequate supervision.
- Lost students
- Slips, trips and falls.
- Injuries as a result of walking through woodland in the dark.
- Problems from fear of the dark.
- Hypothermia

Safety measures

- This activity must be led by a member of Holt Hall teaching staff who has a sound knowledge of the geography of the estate and are highly unlikely to get lost or disorientated in the dark.
- 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.
- At least two adults must accompany any group so that there is a leader and back marker. Students must be organised, behave sensibly and stay between the two adults unless instructed to do otherwise. If students are not behaving sensibly the whole group must return to the house.
- The students must link hands if asked to do so by the leader to reduce the chance of losing a student.
- Students who are left by a tree (A level and adults only) must stay by that tree until collected again by the leader.
- Holt Hall teaching staff will lead the students on a route that avoids low branches, brambles and other obvious hazards. Students must be told when they are approaching a speed bump and must be warned of the possibility of tripping over fallen branches when in the woodland. The group will be led slowly so that students can walk carefully.
- The routes used for night walks must be regularly checked for trip hazards and eye level twigs.
- At least two adults must carry a torch in case of emergency.
- The emphasis of this activity is on finding out what the natural environment is like at night. There must be no mention of ghost stories or other such tales or behaviour that may cause some students to be afraid.
- Students who find that they are afraid once they are outside will be encouraged to continue the walk but occasionally it may be necessary to take the students back to the hall.
- Students must be suitably dressed for this activity.

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