



# Briefing Sheet



# Black Hole



This is a great way to overcome any fear of the dark. The black hole was constructed years ago by the campsites service team and has been enjoyed by many on the site ever since. You will find yourself crawling through a pitch-black maze, using touch to get around. If you're lucky and brave enough to venture further in, you may even find the second floor! Some great games can be made using this activity too, such as treasure hunts, time trials and even a version of cat and mouse.

**Age:** Any age

**Group size:** Recommended 15 per hour

**Clothing:** Recommend trousers due to the amount of crawling involved

**Location:** Further up from the main campfire circle, in the woods next to the Bouldering Wall.

**Safety:** Limit the number of participants inside the Black Hole to a maximum of 10 at any one time. The emergency exits must be unlocked before the activity starts and a leader positioned by the exits to help participants if required. Helmets to be worn, when inside the Black Hole. You must risk assess this activity yourself and document it, before using as it does depend on the capability of your young people to safely complete the course.

**Instructors:** This activity is self-run by the groups own leaders. It is recommended that you use at least two leaders to supervise the activity, but this will of course depend on the age of the participants.

<b>Activity Risk Assessment</b>		<b>BLACK HOLE</b>	
Date of Initial Assessment	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	Date of Initial Management Committee Approval	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Latest assessment review	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Review approved and issued by Management Committee	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Signature	JP	Signature	PEC

Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Who is at risk?	Comments/Notes
	<p>This activity is self-run by the visiting group leaders. The information below is provided to assist the groups' responsible leaders in the preparation of their own documented Risk Assessment</p> <p>Our risk assessment cannot take in to account the competence of the supervision nor the ability, medical condition, or attitude of the participants.</p> <p>It is expected that the factors below will be considered by the groups' responsible leader when completing their own documented Risk Assessment before and during use of the activity</p>		
Major collapse of Structure	The structure of the Black Hole is inspected during the closed season each year	Participants, campers, members of the public	
Panic by Participant	The Emergency exits must be unlocked and an adult stationed by the exits to listen for sign of distress from the participants		
Wood splinter	Monthly inspections – Gloves have been considered but not though necessary	Participant	
Head injury	Helmet are provided for the participants to wear when using the Black hole to prevent knock to the head.	Participant	
Injury due to overcrowding of the Black Hole	Maximum occupancy is advised, and activity supervised by leaders.	Participants	
Third Party Injury	The structure is locked when the activity isn't being used so access is prevented to all, and wildlife.	Members of the Public, Campers	
Covid-19	Hand sanitiser to be used before start of session. Hands to be washed after session and sanitiser to be used again. Helmets to be wiped down with a sanitizer after use Wear gloves when cleaning	Participants	
Covid-19 Transmission of infection	If a member of the group become unwell with suspected Covid symptoms, they are to be removed by isolation and managed by the group, awaiting collection from site. If a member of the staff become unwell with suspected Covid symptoms, they are to remove themselves and leave site promptly	Participants	

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