

Activity Risk Assessment		SQUIRREL ZONE	
Date of Assessment	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Date of Initial Management Committee Approval	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
Latest assessment review	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Review approved and issued by Management Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026
Signature	PEC	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. 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> <p>Adult supervision required at all times, in line with Scout Association POR/ratios</p>		
Slips, trips and falls	<p>The play area is regularly inspected for trip hazards, such as damaged surfaces, loose items, root growth and vegetation etc.</p> <p>Section Leaders to inspect area prior to section use, especially after rain or in wet conditions.</p> <p>Grass areas will be out of bounds during heavy rain to reduce slips.</p> <p>Site wind zoning rules under Woodland Management Plan applies to this area, so activity will be out of use in certain conditions</p>	Young people, Adults	<p>Grass, mulch and general loose surfaces to be inspected prior to any use and loose material removed.</p> <p>Dynamic risk assessment of changing weather</p>
Falls from height	<p>Annual detailed inspection carried out by competent person and documented.</p> <p>Play equipment undergoes operational inspection by a competent person, documented and any required remedial actions implemented to make safe</p> <p>Appropriate limits are put in place by Leaders to manage Young Person numbers on each activity/obstacle.</p> <p>Young People are instructed/shown safe use of each activity..</p> <p>Play area to be fully supervised by Group Section Leader when in use. This is a Leader led activity.</p> <p>Area taken out of use in bad weather where appropriate.</p>	Young People Adults	<p>Leaders to be provided with instruction and guidance of area and activities.</p> <p>Continued monitoring of incidents</p>
Cuts, grazes, lacerations, puncture wounds, stings, nettle rash, allergic reactions	<p>Equipment inspected for loose fittings, splinters, sharp edges, protruding fixings etc.</p> <p>Play area swept for waste etc.</p> <p>Natural vegetation to be controlled, but stinging nettles maybe unavoidable in certain areas.</p> <p>It is recommended that users consider wearing long trousers to avoid any potential for reaction to stinging nettles.</p> <p>Users to be watchful and mindful of insects, wasps etc.</p> <p>Users to thoroughly wash hands after session on activity.</p>	Young People Adults	Regular checks on vegetation
Equipment failure	<p>Equipment is regularly inspected by a competent person, inspections recorded and necessary repairs made.</p> <p>Any equipment believed to be damaged or unsafe will be taken out of use and thorough examination will take place.</p>		
Collisions	<p>Users to be regularly reminded about safe play, and ensure adult supervision, in line with Scout Association POR/correct ratios at all times</p>		
First aid/known medical conditions	<p>Special attention is paid to users who have health conditions that can be exacerbated by play.</p> <p>Group Leader to have appropriate in date first aid training, with access to a full first aid kit, which is regularly inspected to ensure contents are in date</p>		

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By: The Oaks Management Committee