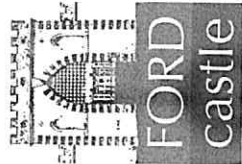


RISK BENEFIT ASSESSMENT



Activity:	Canoeing	Date:	March 2018
Assessors:	Pete Harrison	Review date:	March 2019

Benefits: Placing participants in an environment that is likely to be out of their comfort zones allows for the development of several personal qualities such as teamwork, trust, listening and communication, using the environment as a vehicle.
Risks: See below.

Ratios: There will be a recommended ratio of 1:8 ratio (qualified instructor/children) for the overall activity. The session will be led by Ollie Jay who is qualified as a BCU Level 2 coach for the company Active4Seasons. In addition, an instructor from Ford Castle, assessed by Active4Seasons, will assist. Teacher/Group Leader's presence required to oversee those waiting/choosing not to participate.

Accessibility: All our instructors will ensure that medical notes for their group are checked and understood prior to the activity. All our instructors are aware of various inclusive strategies and will endeavour to meet the needs of all of our guests.

Hazard	Who is at risk	PRECAUTIONS in place to reduce the risk of injury
Cold water immersion	Active participants, instructors.	Ensure all clients are well briefed and spare clothing is on hand nearby.
Back injury	Active participants, instructors.	Participants briefed on safe lifting and handling before moving canoes. Supervision and assistance by Active4Seasons and Ford Castle Adventure staff.
Drowning	Active participants, instructors.	All participants are correctly fitted with personal floatation devices; identify non-swimmers prior to the start of session. Ensure all participants are briefed on how to use a paddle correctly and what to do if the canoe capsizes.
Cuts, grazes and bruising.	Active participants, instructors.	Ensure all clients are suitably dressed prior to the start of session, check the area to be paddled before start of session.
Poor weather	Active participants, instructors, waiting/non participants	Ford Castle Adventure staff to ensure everyone is suitably dressed before the start of the session.
Polluted water	Active participants, instructors.	Waterproofs and wellies can be provided if necessary. Visually check water prior to start of session. If any doubt, contact environment agency.
Rapids	Active participants, instructors.	Only take clients onto the moving water once they have some experience and are ready for a bigger challenge.
Trees/debris.	Active participants, instructors, waiting/non-participants.	Ensure participants are well briefed. Active participants are monitored throughout the session and instructors place themselves in the areas where they can assist.
Injury due to insufficient supervision	Active participants, instructors, waiting/non-participants	Lead instructor Ollie Jay to be accompanied at all times by competent assistant from Ford Castle Adventure staff. Non participants must be supervised by an accompanying adult.

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