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Risk Assessment Hiking



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Camp Paterson - Risk Assessment – Hiking tracked and untracked locations

Date of Assessment: 15 January 2023	Assessment completed by (Team members): SCOTT MAHAFFEY-Camp Paterson Staff
Work Group: Camp Paterson	
Review Date for Risk Assessment: 15/01/24	
What is the task? Hiking tracked and untracked locations	Location where task is being conducted: Tracked and Untracked locations in Far North Queensland
Briefly explain the procedure for this task (incl. Ref to other procedures): Hiking/Bushwalking through rainforest, scrub, and grassy areas – facilitating group activities through same locations.	

Step in Task	Hazards in carrying out this step	Risk (Harm)	EXISTING CONTROLS	Risk Rating with existing controls?			ADDITIONAL CONTROLS REQUIRED	Risk Rating with additional controls?		
				Consequences	Likelihood	Rating		Consequences	Likelihood	Rating
Ensure you number each step. List major steps or tasks in process eg – Loading equipment – Driving to location – Operating Equipment	For Example – Noise – Dust/fumes/Vapours etc. – Heat/cold – Electrical – Moving Parts	For example – Physical Injury – Cut/graze – Chemical Burn	List all current controls that are already in place and will be used to undertake the task eg – Identify types facility, location – Existing safety measurers – Existing emergency procedures – List of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	M A J O R	U N L I K E L Y	14 M E D I U M	Also, complete Control Action Plan Additional controls may be required to reduce risk rating. Remember the hierarchy of control: - – Elimination – Substitution – Engineering – Administrative – Personal Protective Equipment	M A J O R	R A R E	10 M E D I U M
1. Hiking through Scrub, on tracked areas	Snake Bite	Injury / Possible Fatality	Usual Hiking Clothes - shorts, Boots, sandshoes	M O D	U N L I K E L Y	9 M E D I U M	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of risk areas in area of operations; Avoid Long Grass areas Heavy Tramping, avoid logs/hollowed logs; ensure checking of Obstacle Course before activity	M O D	R A R E	6 L O W
2. Hiking through Rainforest, on tracked areas	Stung by Stinging Tree	Injury	Usual Hiking Clothes – S/S shirts; shorts, Boots,	M I N O R	U N L I K E L Y	5 L O W	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of hazard; avoidance techniques; utilise trousers where possible	M I N O R	R A R E	3 L O W

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				M I N O R	U N L O K L	5		M I N O R	R A R E	3 L O W
4. Hiking through Rainforest, on tracked areas	Leech Bite	Annoying bite	Usual Hiking Clothes - shorts, Boots,	M I N O R	U N L O K L	5	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of hazard; avoidance techniques; use salt, disinfect, and cover wound	M I N O R	R A R E	3 L O W
5. Hiking through Rainforest/Scrub, on tracked areas	Slips, Trips, and Falls	Injury / Possible Fatality	Usual Hiking Boots, Sandshoes	M A J O R	U N L O K L	14	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of hazard; avoidance techniques; use technique of 3 points of contact if climbing along steep areas; utilise trail paths where possible; briefing about cliff safety	M A J O R	R A R E	10 M E D
6. Hiking through Rainforest, on tracked areas	Dehydration	Headache / Illness / Extensive Dehydration	Usual Hiking Gear – PPE - Water	M A J O R	U N L O K L	14	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of hazard; avoidance techniques; ensure enough water breaks and rests; utilise cooling techniques	M A J O R	R A R E	10 M E D
7. Hiking through Rainforest, on tracked areas	Drowning	Possible Fatality	No controls	M A J O R	U N L O K L	14	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of hazard; avoidance techniques; Identify non swimmers before activity; hazard avoidance of moving water and rocky slippery locations	M A J O R	R A R E	10 M E D
8. Hiking through Rainforest/Scrub, on tracked areas	Getting Lost	Possible Fatality	Group Control	M A J O R	U N L O K L	14	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of hazard; avoidance techniques; ensure 2 headcounts at every rest break, all participants have whistles; ensure group moves as slow as the slowest participant	M A J O R	R A R E	10 M E D
9. Hiking through Rainforest/Scrub, on tracked areas	Getting Separated from Group	Possible Fatality	Group Control	M A J O R	U N L O K L	14	Pre-activity Briefing; Identification of hazard; avoidance techniques; ensure 2 headcounts at every rest break, all participants have whistles; ensure group moves as slow as the slowest participant; Participants to buddy up	M A J O R	R A R E	10 M E D

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10. Hiking through Rainforest /scrub, on tracked areas.	Sun exposure	Sunburn	Nil Control	M I N O R	U N L K L	5 L O W	<p>Staff to advise persons in recognising symptoms for sunburn during briefing</p> <p>Staff to advise participants to continually apply 30+ sunscreen and wear a hat.</p> <p>Staff to ensure all participants understand advice at briefing.</p> <p>Staff to monitor personnel at all times to look for symptoms and signs of above condition.</p>	M I N O R	R A R E	3 L O W

Supervisor or designated officer Name (Print): SCOTT MAHAFFEY Signature:  Date: 15/01/23

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CAMP PATERSON RISK ANALYSIS MATRIX

LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCES				
	Insignificant No injuries or no medical treatment required	Minor Injury requiring first aid or minor treatment	Moderate Small scale injury or sickness requiring medical treatment	Major Extensive injuries or loss of life	Catastrophic Multiple loss of life
Almost certain is expected to occur in most circumstances	Medium (11)	Medium (16)	High (20)	Extreme (23)	Extreme (25)
Likely Will probably occur in many circumstances	Low (7)	Medium (12)	High (17)	High (21)	Extreme (24)
Possible Will probably occur at some time	Low (2)	Medium (8)	Medium (13)	High (18)	High (22)
Unlikely Could occur at some time but it is improbable	Low (2)	Low (5)	Medium (9)	Medium (14)	High (19)
Rare May occur only in exceptional circumstances	Low (1)	Low (3)	Low (6)	Medium (10)	Medium (15)