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Title:	Use of "Base Camp" in Outdoor Learning Programmes	Section:	SI&L
Location/ Description:	Old marabou enclosure site	Assessment carried out by:	Julian Simms
		Date of assessment:	November 2025
		Date of review:	November 2026
Use alongside:	Accurate interpretation of weather forecasts, proper equipment use, effective group management and behaviour control, appropriate staff-to-participant ratios, and staff with suitable and relevant levels of experience. Suitability of the activity should be continuously assessed based on participants' capabilities, including medical history, physical and emotional needs. This Risk Assessment does not replace dynamic risk assessment, adherence to the any additional pastoral risk assessment, staff training and competency.		

Hazards	Persons at risk	Brief description of risk	Present risk			Existing Precautions	Additional controls needed	Action by whom/when?	Completion Date
			L	S	SR				
Uneven wood-chipped ground	All persons involved	Trips, falls, minor injuries	3	2	6	- Clear paths; sturdy footwear; adult supervision	Complete campfire checklist	Persons involved in activity immediately prior to building campfire	Day of activity
Branches/thorns in bushes	All persons involved	Scratches, eye injury	3	3	9	- Mark boundaries; discourage bush entry; visual guides	N/A	N/A	N/A
Insect bites/stings	All persons involved	Allergic reactions, discomfort	3	3	9	- Check allergies; avoid nests; carry antihistamines if permitted	N/A	N/A	N/A
Weather exposure	All persons involved	Hypothermia, sunburn, dehydration	3	3	9	- Check forecast; dress appropriately; provide shelter and water	N/A	N/A	N/A
Metal tent frame	All persons in the immediate area	Collision, pinching hazard	2	3	6	- Mark frame with tape; supervise movement; no climbing	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Animal droppings or unknown substances	All persons in the immediate area	Infection risk	3	2	6	- Teach "look, don't touch"; Keep in boxes, and gloves if any handling.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Child separation or getting lost	All persons involved	Emotional distress, safety risk	2	5	10	- Buddy system; clear boundaries; frequent headcounts	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sensory overload or fear	All persons involved	Emotional upset	3	2	6	- Opt-out zones; gentle transitions; emotional support	N/A	N/A	N/A

Likelihood (L) = Frequent(5) - Probable(4) - Occasional(3) - Improbable(2) - Remote(1)

Severity: (S) = Catastrophic(5) - Major(4) - Reportable(3) - Serious (2) - Minor(1)

Severity of Risk (SR) = (L) LIKELIHOOD x (S) SEVERITY