

Specific Safety Procedures – Geocaching

- GC1** **Description:**
GC1.1 An outdoor activity where participants use a GPS unit to locate hidden caches.
- GC2** **Learning Outcome:**
GC2.1 Planning, communication, personal challenge and fun.
- GC3** **Instructor:**
GC3.1 Have been **assessed and passed out** by a suitably experienced person.
GC3.2 Must have an understanding of the process of group dynamics and reviewing
GC3.3 Must be aware of possible hazards on site and indicate these to participants
- GC4** **Site Knowledge:**
GC4.1 The instructor should be familiar with the Netherurd Estate.
- GC5** **Participant Requirements:**
GC5.1 A clear understanding of the **aims** of the activity session.
GC5.2 Receive a clear brief detailing safe participation, these must be listened to and understood.
GC5.3 Fitness level should be taken into consideration, you can walk or run.
GC5.4 Adequate footwear is worn which is suitable for the terrain.
- GC6** **Equipment:**
GC6.1 GPS units can be provided by centre or participants may use own.
GC6.2 Clothing suited to the weather conditions should be worn
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- GC7** **Ratios:**
GC7.1 One instructor to ten participants. **(1:25)**
- GC8** **Weather:**
GC8.1 The implications of the weather on the proposed activity should be taken into consideration e.g. wet and slippery paths or excessive heat.
GC8.2 Understand signs and symptoms of exposure to heat and cold.

Risk Assessment – Geocaching

Hazards Identify significant hazards which could cause harm:

1. Facilitator.
2. Facility.
3. Participants.
4. Equipment.
5. Ratio.
6. Weather.

How How will people be exposed to hazard?

1. Lack of knowledge of safety procedures / increase risk of injury.
2. Lack of knowledge of facility / failure to communicate hazards.
3. Group behaviour and approach / increase risk to participant
4. Equipment malfunction or misuse / increase risk to participant
5. Staff member cannot control situation.
6. Weather conditions inappropriate or deteriorate during session.

Risk Evaluate risks arising from each hazard (High, Medium, low)

1. Low.
2. Low.
3. Medium.
4. Medium.
5. Low.
6. Low

Action Prescribed risk management strategies to remove hazard or reduce risk

1. Qualification and pass out system. (L3,GC3)
2. Knowledge of facility and hazards. (L4.1,GC 4)
3. Group Safety briefing. (L5,GC5)
4. Equipment Checks. (L6,GC6)
5. Effective group management. (L7,GC5.2,GC7)
6. Ensure suitable clothing is worn. (L8, GC8)

Monitor How are risk management strategies monitored?

1. Qualifications checked /facilitator pass out system.
2. Staff meetings and amendments to safety document clipboard.
3. Client Feedback / co-tutor / observation
4. Inspections and equipment checks, Tick box.
5. Near-miss and Incident forms.
6. Weather forecast supplied.

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