

Site Risk Assessment for Velator Wetland

Site Name: Velator Wetland, Velator, Braunton

NGR: SS492 355

Watercourse/ water body: Knowle Water, Velator Wetland/ Lake

Date of Activity:

Overall Risk Assessment (L/M/H): L

<i>Hazards</i>	<i>Risk</i>			<i>Comments</i>
	<i>Low</i>	<i>Mod</i>	<i>High</i>	
Travelling to site and access				
Driving, walking or cycling to/ from site:				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road usage. • Availability of pavements before reaching cycleway. • Visibility for vehicles and pedestrians. • Which access your using and considerations. • If coming by bike, where to leave. • If using mini-bus where to unload passengers.
Approach to Site				
Physical hazards, e.g. slip, trip.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramps • Wooden walkway • Tarmac surface at entrance • Short moan grass paths on top of flood embankment or grassland area. Organisers direct visitors along paths.
Livestock/ other animals				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No livestock on site
Transport of equipment				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all people carrying equipment e.g. pond dipping equipment or binoculars are able to transport easily.
Ages and type of group on site e.g. children				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure helpers and leaders are all aware of potential risks and health and safety codes and what to do in the event of an incident/ accident. E.g. children to be supervised at all times, assembly points, assembly signals, if area to be visited wet dangers of slipping.

Provision of food and drink on site				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How and where it is kept safe. • Sterilised wet wipes.
Disabled access				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All wheelchair users to be accompanied on flood embankment. • Wheelchairs not advised on grassland path, wet areas and access to steep. • Wooden walkway and flood embankment fully accessible.
Site Features				
Access to water				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danger to children with proximity to water. • Raise awareness, no access along Knowle Water. • Any requirement to access to water should only be by water safety trained personnel. • Awareness of water safety procedures. Check safety equipment on site e.g. throw lines or safety rings.
Depth				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shallow depth with gently shelving sides to the lake. • Knowle water shallow, with silted floor bed and slow flow.
Health Hazards e.g. evidence of broken glass, discarded needles, rats, sunburn, sun stroke etc.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kit provided • Possible problem with rats frequenting the water. • Danger with Leptospirosis. Leptospirosis card to be present within the first aid box. • Antiseptic wipes should be provided. • Map or directions to nearest accident and emergency hospital.
Remoteness				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within Velator village.
Communications, mobile cover				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good mobile phone signal on site. • Adequate number of staff to carry mobile phones on site. Phone numbers to be available to all organisers in case of emergency. (See below)

Additional Controls other than standard practice:

Mobile numbers:

All organisers will be briefed on the day on risks and what to do in the event of an incident/ accident.

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Assessed by:

Signed