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| Location: | Off site | Date of Assessment: | 26/4/2013 | Last Reviewed: March 2021 | Name of Assessor: | Chris Murnin |
| Activity: | Crag Rock Climbing | Assessment Reference Number: | 4.55 | | Signature of Assessor: |  |

| ITEM/HAZARD | CONTROL MEASURES |
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| Falling from height | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bouldering height limit to be set with group prior to activity. Feet no higher than 1m maximum unless using bouldering mats. • Climbers must be spotted and bouldering mats used whilst bouldering • Appropriate PPE to be used, this is checked prior and during use. • All belaying to be done, or supervised by an Instructor. • Group members to be attached to a safety line if operating near the crag edge, such as prior to an abseil or during set up, and under the direct supervision from an Instructor • All setups to be done according to recognised best practice. • Instructor to maintain group control at all times |
| Falling rocks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants to wear properly fitted climbing helmets whilst in the prescribed "Equipment on" area. • During set up the Instructor should clear away any loose debris from the crag edge. • Group to be kept away from crag face whilst not involved in the activity • Any loose rocks on crag to be identified to the group • All members to be briefed of the hazards of loose and falling rocks |
| Anchors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All peg/ stake anchors to be inspected for suitability prior to use. • Multiple anchors to be used, a minimum of 2 independent equalised anchors per climb • Anchors to be selected and used as per Mountain Training guidelines. |
| Equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only equipment assessed and approved by the Instructor to be used off site, Instructors may use their own personal PPE • All equipment to be used as shown in training and according to manufacturer's guidelines • Equipment is to be checked prior and during use • 'Equipment on' zones to be identified to group • Rope protectors to be used on edges |
| Exposure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group must be dressed according to the expected weather. • The instructor should provide spare clothes when necessary |
| Environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group must be suitably dressed for the environment. • Long trousers and sleeves should be worn when the group are moving through undergrowth and vegetation. |
| Ticks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid walking through bracken where possible. • Warn group about presence of ticks, methods of prevention and encourage to check themselves after the session • Inform group that if they have irritation in warm body areas (eg. armpit or crotch) then check for ticks. |
| Members of the public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible avoid using popular routes. • Be prepared to move to a different route if need be. • The Instructor must maintain group control at all times. • If the group are exposed to any danger, they must be moved to a safe area. • Take extra caution on busier crags. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be courteous at all times. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Markfield Quarry- Leicestershire |
| Falling from height | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When using the right hand scramble on the Markfield slab as access, the group must be observed going up and down this by the Instructor. If group are deemed unable to use right hand scramble, stairs must be used to access the top of the slab |
| Birchen Edge – Peak District | |
| Car Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park at the top edge of the car park Use the steps and footpath through the car park |
| Main road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to check road is clear before starting to lead group Group to walk in single file on the road Brief group about the gate at the top of the road before heading off, to avoid a bottle neck |
| Flora and Fauna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beware of midges in shaded areas and at dusk. Long trousers and sleeves should be worn when the group are moving through undergrowth and vegetation. |
| Sand + Grit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the first aid kit has eyewash Don't leave kit on the ground, find a group storage area on a boulder, or use a tarp. |
| Froggatt Edge – Peak District | |
| Car Parking for minibus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn around at the Chequers pub. Drive back down the A625 and park on the Left hand side of the sharp bend ensuring you are not facing on-coming traffic, and clients can disembark safely. |
| Overgrown paths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear long sleeves and trousers where practical whilst moving through overgrown paths |
| Stanage Plantation – Peak District | |
| Boulders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care on boulders on walk in path Instructor should walk in front leading/ spotting groups over particularly difficult sections Walk around boulders if necessary. |
| Stanage High Neb – Peak District | |
| Road crossing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure your vehicle is parked in the direction of traffic, allowing passengers to alight onto the grass verge and continue up the path without having to cross the road. |
| Lawrencefield – Peak District | |
| Road crossing- Fast traffic and blind corners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief group in car park about road crossing system Instructor to coordinate road crossing Cross in small groups Group to gather on the far side of the gate |
| The Roaches – Peak District | |
| Falling from Height | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When using the Bottom Tier group area instructors must make people aware of the uneven ground around them. Group must be briefed about mud on the steps whilst accessing the crag from the car park. |
| Car park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mini buses must park in the minibus parking spot and they should have the side access door facing the crag. |
| Flora and Fauna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beware of midges in shaded areas and at dusk. Long trousers and sleeves should be worn when the group are moving through undergrowth and vegetation. |
| Animals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are sheep in and around the crag and the group are to be informed that they are not to approach or disturb them. |
| Bouldering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group are only to boulder when supervised by a member of staff. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group must use bouldering matts and correctly 'spot' each other at all times. • Helmets must be worn when participating in bouldering. |
| Grit and sand | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the first aid kit has eye wash. • Explain to the group that the rock may graze their hands and knees because of the rock type. |
| Further risks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All risks should be minimised by continual appraisal of participants' condition, the environment and equipment through dynamic risk assessment by the staff members involved. • Some risks still remain but every care must be taken to minimise these. |

