



## Pond Dipping - Heyswood Risk Assessment

**Description:** Participants use equipment provided to collect specimens from the pond for closer study

**Learning Outcomes:** Identifying common pond organisms, discovering nature's food chains, life cycles and the importance of preventing pollution which can damage the life and health of local ecosystems.

**Leaders are responsible for reviewing and adding to the Risk Assessment** which is recommended to be completed during a site visit. These are to be shared with the Leadership Team.

**Girlguiding members:** Girlguiding Consent Forms must be completed for any participant under 18 and appropriate Commissioner informed of intended activities

**For non-Girlguiding events / users:** The hirer must ensure appropriate insurance cover for the activities undertaken and provide evidence if requested by Heyswood Management Committee.

Hazards <i>What could cause harm or damage?</i>	Who or what is at risk of being affected and how?	What are you already doing? <i>How have you reduced the risk already?</i>	Likelihood of Risk Occurring (L / M / H)	Severity of Risk (L / M / H)	Are further controls necessary? <i>What else needs to happen to reduce the risk to an acceptable level?</i>	Action by: name & date
Lack of Supervision	Participants	Named Leader responsible for activity Leader gives participants safety briefing At least 2 leaders supervising activity	L	L	Group size limited to be manageable	Leader
Unauthorised use of equipment	Participants	The pond is fenced and 'Deep Water' notices displayed Participants are not allowed to enter without adult supervision	M	M		
Falling into pond Drowning	Participants	Safety briefing to participants Maximum recommended number on platform (4 participants & one leader) Pond depth is mainly shallow Reach pole available by platform	M	H	First Aider and 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Kit available GG Accident notification form Leader has mobile phone for emergency	Leader
Injury due to slip, trip or fall	Participants	Leaders to check for trip hazards prior to participants' access Pond area is kept clear	L	L	First Aider and 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Kit available GG Accident notification form	Leader

		Awareness of slippery edges				
Injuries from equipment	Participants	Awareness of sticks on nets to prevent injury	L	L	Stick length is only 60cm and should be easily controllable	Leader
Disease from contaminated water	Participants	Open cuts should be covered with waterproof plasters Latex free glove could be worn Avoid touching mouths, eyes or noses during activity Participants should wash their hands after session	L	M	Leaders to be aware of the symptoms of water borne illnesses such as Weil's Disease, Blue-green algae and should seek medical advice if any participants develop symptoms	Leader
Adverse weather conditions Slippery surface	Participants	Ensure suitable clothing, no jewellery & hair tied back	L	M	Check weather forecast	Leader