

## Risk Assessment



<b>Activity</b>	Dartington Wild Food Walks and Courses
<b>Venue:</b>	Dartington Estate locations incl; Forest School Site, North Woods, Gardens, Aller Park, Riverside, and estate paths
<b>Name:</b>	Myrtle Cooper
<b>Course Date(s):</b>	Various 2023
<b>Assessment Date:</b>	June 2023

ACTIVITY	HAZARD	PERSONS EXPOSED TO RISK	RISK POTENTIAL			RISK CONSEQUENCE			OVERALL RISK			CURRENT CONTROLS			CURRENT RISK			
			H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L				
<b>Foraging &amp; Wild Food</b>	Weather exposure	All attending (adult participants)		M			M		M			Ensure people come with suitable clothing and footwear, ensure all have these on arrival. Have indoor space available for use in adverse weather conditions where appropriate/possible.						L
	Trip/slip hazards in the outdoor environment	As above		M			M		M			Ensure suitable footwear, assess route/area beforehand, avoid slippery areas/steep slopes						L

	Injury from animals/insects, aggressive dogs	As above	L	M	M	Ask about allergies (check people are carrying an epi-pen if needed) and request participants bring any medication that may be required.	L
	Allergies to plants consumed/consumption of wrong plants	As above	M	H	H	<p>Full briefing about principles and practice of trying new plants safely. Supervision from course leader, ensure correct foods are consumed and in small quantities; ask about allergies; avoid plants known to cause reactions in some people, discuss any other contraindications with participants, e.g. avoiding certain plants if pregnant.</p> <p>Ensure people only gather wild foods under the supervision</p>	M/L
	Accessibility of site (by ambulance/distance from roads)	As above	L	H	M	Pre-event assessment conducted to assess access points, mobile reception, What Three Words location. Where feasible, ensure course locations are accessible by emergency vehicles, and where not immediately accessible scope quickest safe access route on foot.	L

						What Three Words Locations for key teaching areas identified by course leader	
	Injury to course leader	As above	L	H	M	First aid provision at each session. Course leader to prepare and check route and equipment in advance and have mobile phone accessible at all times.  Course leader trained in outdoor first aid and carrying first aid kit	L
	Injury to eyes and face from whips or crushing injuries from larger branches / trees from over-hanging or falling branches or trees	As above	L	M	M	Participants will be made aware of the danger and the leaders will warn participants of small branches flicking behind them, look out for each other.  We will not enter the woods during high winds and a walk through of the route will be undertaken to ensure there are no obvious dead branches hanging over pathways.  In the case of severe weather warning, course will be postponed for safety.	L
	Tetanus, Leptospirosis (Weils Disease), Toxacara Canis and Lyme's Disease	As above	L	M	L	Warn participants of risk of contamination from animal faeces and soils before and during activity. Advise on not touching the soles of shoes during activity and taking care when removing footwear at the end. Wear long trousers and long-sleeved tops and brush clothes off on leaving	L

						the site.	
	Lightning strike in sudden storm	As above	L	M/H	L	At the sound of thunder or sight of lightning workshop will be ended and woodland exited. Keep clear of lone trees in field. Crouch and separate until the storm passes.	L
	COVID-19 Transmission of Virus	All attending	M	H	M/H	No taster sharing handed round as part of the course.  Hand sanitiser and or handwashing available during any food preparation.  Additional sanitiser provided  Courses conducted outside where possible, reducing the risk of transmission.  Inside venues have windows/doors opened for ventilation, and of an adequate size to allow sufficient air flow.	L
	Food hygiene/food contamination/food poisoning from non-wild foods – indoor and outdoor group food prep.	As above	M	H	M	Course leader trained in food hygiene.  Ensure handwashing/anti-bac facilities available and are used by all. No food handling permitted without anti-bac on hands or hand washing.  Briefing to include no touching face or other people during food prep.  Establish any food allergies prior to	L

						<p>food prep/food sharing, label or avoid these allergens.</p> <p>Use low risk raw ingredients where possible.</p>	
	<p>Fire Safety</p> <p>Risk of burns</p> <p>Fire spreading</p>	As above	M	H	L	<p>Fires and fire spaces set up either by course leader or fire safe staff member, with participants seating at safe and appropriate distance.</p> <p>Course leader or other staff member to remain with the fire while lit.</p> <p>Have water and first aid provision available.</p> <p>Avoid having fires during strong winds</p>	L

### Emergency contacts

Event Leaders	Myrtle Cooper	07709117383
Local Hospital	Totnes Hospital, Coronation Road Totnes. TQ9 5GH	Tel: 01803 862622
Main A and E	Torbay Hospital, Lawes Road. Torquay	Tel: 01803 654008 / 112
Police	Totnes Police Station Ashburton Road.	Tel 0845 2777444 / 999

	Totnes. TQ9 5JY	
Fire	Devon Fire and Rescue Service  Coronation Road. Totnes	Tel:01803 653700 / 999
What Three Words Location		

**Signed:**

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**Date: 3rd June 2023**

**(Course Leader)**