UPCC

Bush Walking

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Activity overview

The Bush Walk Risk Management Plan contains the specific risks, control measures and ratings for this activity, as well as the ratings of all general risks relevant for all UPCC activities. Please refer to the General Activity Hazards – Risk Management Plan for a list of general risks and control measures relevant for all UPCC activities.

Risk register

Risk description	Existing control measures	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk rating
Slip-Trip-Fall: caused by inappropriate footwear, wet conditions etc.	• Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times • Footwear must be supportive and fitted correctly (no gumboots, ugg boots etc.) • Care should be taken when grass, other ground surfaces and equipment is wet and slippery	Likely	Minor	Medium
Slip-Trip-Fall: participant slipping/falling when on bushwalk	• The bush walk is not recommended during wet and rainy conditions • Hazardous and steep areas of the bushwalk are highlighted before departure • It is not recommended that groups run whilst on the bushwalk • Participants must stay on the designated walkways	Likely	Minor	Medium
Cutting/Scratching: from trees, equipment, ground, etc.	• Participants are to take care when passing tree branches, sticks and other natural environments that may cause scratching or cutting • Participants are encouraged to wear long pants to avoid scratches and cuts to the legs	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Environmental Exposure: adverse weather (heat) causing heat exhaustion, dehydration	• Participants are encouraged to bring a water drink bottle with them on the walk • Participants are encouraged not to go on the walk in extreme weather conditions • Group leader should check current and future forecasts and weather patterns with site program staff • In warm conditions, participants are encouraged to wear light, breathable, cooling clothing and should not wear jumpers or thick pants • The majority of the Bushwalk is shaded by the forest trees • Rest breaks should be taken throughout the walk to give participants a chance to have a drink and sit down	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Environmental Hazards: injury caused by contact with natural features such as rocks, dead branches, vegetation, bad weather etc.	• Thorough periodic in-house maintenance checks are completed by trained program staff • It is not recommended that the Bush Walk is undertaken in strong winds • Group leaders should check current and future forecasts and weather patterns with site program staff • Bush Walk will be cancelled if a severe weather warning is issued for the region for strong winds or dangerous weather conditions • Participants are directed to stay away from hazardous areas • Participants are warned about overhanging branches or vegetation	Rare	Major	Medium

Likelihood and consequence matrix

Likelihood \ Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost certain	Medium	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	Medium	Medium • Slip-Trip-Fall: caused by inappropriate footwear, wet conditions etc. • Slip-Trip-Fall: participant slipping/falling when on bushwalk	High	Extreme	Extreme
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme
Unlikely	Low	Low • Cutting/Scratching: from trees, equipment, ground, etc. • Environmental Exposure: adverse weather (heat) causing heat exhaustion, dehydration	Medium	High	High
Rare	Low	Low	Medium	Medium • Environmental Hazards: injury caused by contact with natural features such as rocks, dead branches, vegetation, bad weather etc.	High

Emergency procedures

Follow site emergency procedures. Stop the activity if unsafe, administer first aid, and notify camp staff immediately.

Review

Review this plan before each use and after incidents or near misses. Original PDF retained as version history / archive file.