

Angling Trust Risk Assessment

Activity		Location		Brief Description of the Activity		
Coarse Angling		Knox's Pond, Deadwater Valley, Whitehill, Hampshire		Coarse Angling at a pond within the Deadwater Valley Nature reserve by members of Grayshott Angling Club		
Risk No	Risk Description (Context and Consequence)	Cause	Risk Status	Mitigation	Action Owner	Risk Status
1	Drowning	By falling into the water	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members to be reminded to exercise caution whilst beside the water and to be advised not to enter the pond except for in exceptional circumstances Junior members (under 16 years of age) are already restricted to being accompanied by an adult when at any club water. The pond itself is relatively shallow and although drowning can occur even in such places it is less likely where the water isn't deeper than the height of an average person. 		Medium
2	Hypothermia	As a result of falling in the water	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members to be reminded to exercise caution whilst beside the water and are advised not to enter the pond except for in exceptional circumstances Junior members (under 16 years of age) are already restricted to being accompanied by an adult when at any club water. The pond itself is relatively shallow and although drowning can occur even in such places it is less likely where the water isn't deeper than the height of an 		Low

				<p>average person.</p> <p>4. Members to be reminded that should they be unfortunate to fall in they need to consider changing into dry clothing as soon as possible and take any other action necessary to ensure they remain warm.</p>		
3	Death or serious injury	As a result of being struck by lightning	Medium	<p>1. Whilst unlikely this is a possibility, particularly in the vicinity of trees and because most fishing rods are made of carbon fibre, which is an excellent conductor of electricity. Most anglers don't fish in extreme weather but they should be reminded that if caught out in such circumstances they shouldn't shelter under trees or handle a carbon rod until the danger passes.</p>		Low
4	Death or serious injury	As a result of a trip or fall whilst walking to the water or when beside it	Low	<p>1. The pond is situated in a maintained area with reasonable paths and therefore there is little chance of suffering a significant injury should a trip or fall occur</p>		Low
5	Death or serious injury	As a result of a falling tree or branch	Medium	<p>1. There are significant trees in the vicinity of the pond although this is a managed area reducing the risk of such an event occurring.</p> <p>2. Members should be reminded that in severe weather conditions, such as high winds, this risk increases and they should consider vacating the area</p>		Low

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6	Death or serious injury	As a result of illness or infection	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The main risk is through contracting Weil's disease that is carried in the urine of rats but this is a rare condition in the UK. 2. Members should be reminded of this possibility which can be reduced by good hygiene (e.g. washing hands before eating), ensuring any cuts are covered and not consuming any pond water. 		Low
7	Significant injury to other uses of the site	As a result of being struck or hit by an item of fishing tackle or impaled by a hook	Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The size of the pond precludes the use of either long casts or heavy weights significantly reducing any risk from a miscast or the line breaking during the cast. 2. Anglers should be aware that other people use the site and should check behind them before making a cast 		Low
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Assessment Carried Out By (Print Name)		Signature		State How Users Have Been Informed		Date Issued	
Ian Thomas - Secretary		Ian Thomas		Email and inclusion on website		Before fishing allowed from 1/11/23	

Example

Carry out an assessment of the Hazards you might encounter whilst carrying out your activity, think about the cause and how you might reduce or mitigate the risk by taking an action. This can be completed as an individual but is best carried out as a group who might have the knowledge and experience in the activity you are assessing. Obviously the most effective prevention is not to carry out the activity. But by applying sensible and practical measures the risk can be reduced to an acceptable level. A simple example below demonstrates.

Risk No.	Risk description (Context and Consequence)	Cause	Risk Status	Mitigation	Action Owner	Risk Status
1	Drowning	Fall overboard from a boat.	High	1. Do not stand up in a boat 2. Wear a life jacket		Low

The next, and equally important step is to determine how you inform all those involved in the activity of the Mitigation measures. This could simply be done by carrying out a briefing just before the activity. If this is a repeat activity then you might consider producing a set of rules for this activity, for instance.

Boat Angling, you must not stand up in a boat and you must wear a life jacket.

It is pointless developing a first-class Risk Assessment if you do not inform the people involved of the mitigation measures or actions. If necessary, use the Action Owner column to identify who needs to take responsibility for the action.

The Risk Assessment can be handwritten or completed electronically. To increase the row width for a handwritten version simply place the cursor in the row and 'enter'

The table below is simply a guide to help you define the risk category, Low, Medium, High. It is not a scientific calculation but just a generalisation based on perception. These categories or colours merely act as a guide to indicate which Risks may need monitoring or further investigation, and action in the way of mitigation. To assess the Risk Status simply multiply the Likelihood rating by the Impact rating and use the table below. For handwritten assessments use High Medium or Low.

Green - Low Amber - Medium Red – High

	Likelihood				
Impact	1	2	3	4	5
	2	4	6	8	10
	3	6	9	12	15
	4	8	12	16	20
	5	10	15	20	25

Likelihood

1 = Very unlikely
2 = Unlikely
3 = Possible
4 = Quite likely
5 = Very likely

Impact

1 = Insignificant
2 = Minor
3 = Significant
4 = Serious
5 = Severe