


<b>Hautbois Activity Centre Risk Assessment</b>			
<b>Search and Rescue</b>			
<b>Assessment Code:</b> RA-S&R25			
<b>Review Date:</b> March 2026	<b>Assessor:</b> Henry Wright	<b>Tech Advisor:</b> Rory Howard	

**Description:** Search and Rescue is a navigation activity where participants must use the information provided to safely follow a set route off site. The course can be adjusted to suit each age group by excluding/including different markers. Ratio of 1:16

SR= Severity Rating; 5 (Catastrophic) 4 (Major) 3 (Moderate) 2 (Minor) 1 (None)

LH=Likelihood Rating 5 (Almost certain) 4 (Likely) 3 (Possible) 2 (Unlikely) 1 (Insignificant)

RR= Risk Rating; A (Acceptable Risk) RR (Residual Risk remains despite controls- 'occupational hazard') U (Unacceptable Risk, action to be taken immediately)

Significant Hazard	Persons at Risk	How	Controls	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Poor Instruction & Supervision	Participants	Injury through poor briefing, poor/lack of supervision and monitoring of behaviour.	All participants to be supervised on tasks by either a Hautbois Instructor or responsible adult.	2	1	A
Minor injuries- cuts, bruises & bumps	Participants, Leaders	Slips, trip and falls through environmental factors or user error.	All participants to be supervised on tasks by either a Hautbois Instructor or responsible adult. Participants warned of site hazards and environmental hazards. Walking shoes/ boots with ankle support recommended	2	2	A
Group becoming lost	Participants, Leaders	Incorrectly following the map provided and being unable to retrace steps back to Hautbois	Starting location has a unique identifier on the map. All groups will be asked by instructor or leader if they have a mobile phone. Mobile phone - Navigation application can be used to return to Hautbois. Hautbois office contact number is printed at the bottom of all instruction sheets for use in emergencies. (01603 739696)	2	1	A
Drowning	Participants, Leaders	Falling in water while following footpath. Attempting to cross ditches, slipping into Cut.	Footpath can be narrow but is well used. Good group management and behaviour control to reduce risks while walking close to water Groups given clear boundaries and activity area	3	1	A
Client Boundaries	Participants, Leaders	Walking onto other activity sites, whilst activities are going on.	Participants briefed to stay in their groups and to always stay together. Local footpaths will be pointed out on the map, so groups are more inclined to find and use these during the walk	3	1	A
Traffic/ Moving vehicles	Participants/ Leaders	Being struck by moving traffic.	Group is provided with all relevant information from the green cross code on how to stay as safe as possible when walking on roads with and without footpaths. All group members are issued a fluorescent jacket.	4	2	RR

This Risk Assessment should work in conjunction with the generic risk assessment (RA-GEN) and relevant activity's Safe Operating Procedure (SOP-).