

Challenge Course

Name of Section or Activity (and version number)	Waddecar Scout Activity Centre – Challenge Course V2023-01	Date of risk assessment	4 th January 2023	Review Date	January 2024	Name and Role of who undertook this risk assessment	Damian King Centre Manager
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?
Hazard – something that may cause harm or damage. Risk – the chance of it happening.	Young people, Leaders, Visitors?	Controls – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment, or you might change the way the activity is carried out.
Lips, trips and falls – Sprain, strain or bruise.	All	The Course is only to be used in an organised manner (not as a playground) and under supervision. Provided helmets must be properly fitted and worn by all participants. Participants must be appropriately briefed prior to starting the activity. Course elements, ground surface and area regularly inspected. Course elements to be assessed prior to use. Spotters are to assist participants where necessary, especially when the course is wet. Only one participant to use an element at a time.
Traverse Wall – Sprains, strain, or bruise	Participants	Participants to only step on the holds on the bottom section of the wall, and not walk on the wood. Participants to step off the wall rather than jump.
Up and over wall – Sprains, strain, or bruise. Trapped Fingers	Participants	Participants to turn around and lower from the top of the wall rather than jump. Care to be taken to avoid trapped fingers when adding or removing extra planks.
Equipment Failure – Sprain, strain, or bruise.	Participants	Equipment checked at regular intervals and recorded by a competent person. Equipment checked prior to every use. All damage reported to Waddecar Centre Management.
Unauthorised use – Injured by equipment	All	There is a fence surrounding the perimeter of the course. The gate is kept locked when not in use.

Completed by	Name, Damian King Role / level: Waddecar Centre Manager Date; 4 th January 2023	Checked by Line Manager	Name, Role / level Date
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Additional information can be found in the [Safety Checklist for Leaders](https://scouts.org.uk/safety) and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety

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