



# HAMLET WOOD SCOUT CAMPSITE

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## Safety Issues – Risk Assessment

We wish to ensure that you have an enjoyable and safe visit to Hamlet Wood.

Hamlet wood has a number of natural and man-made hazards. These need to be brought to your attention in order for you to be able to brief your party, and enable you to manage the risks associated with your visit. Work is always ongoing to reduce these hazards, but it is not possible to remove them completely.

### Natural Hazards

- Woodlands contain many wild Fungi and fruiting plants which may be POISONOUS. Please be aware of this and ensure that your members do not experiment with them. Should you find them on your camping area please remove them safely and wash your hands afterwards.
- Marked and fenced paths through the woodland have been checked and are considered safe routes. However, if you venture off these you may find low branches, trip hazards and animal holes etc.
- To the west side of the site is a steep slope, and a stepped path descends to the bottom of the valley.
- At the southern corner of the site are old ragstone quarries, which are overgrown and tucked away. Extreme caution is needed when using this area.

### Man-Made Hazards

- The two fenced off areas around the gas tanks and gas cage are out of bounds.
- The climbing wall must only be entered under the supervision of a qualified instructor.
- Woodpiles are unstable and should not be climbed on.

### Points to remember

- The main gate should be closed at night.
- Emergency first aid kits and accident books are kept in each building.
- Valuables should be locked in the lockers available in each building or stored out of sight in vehicles.
- There are no public footpaths in Hamlet Wood. Only Leaders should challenge strangers.

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