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Environmental Sustainability Policy

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1. Policy Statement

Edventures is committed to managing its activities responsibly and reducing avoidable environmental impacts wherever reasonably practicable.

We recognise that outdoor activities, indoor climbing, wellbeing experiences, expeditions, transport, equipment and the use of hired facilities can affect the natural and built environment.

Our approach is to protect the environments in which we operate, use resources efficiently, minimise waste and encourage responsible environmental behaviour.

Environmental considerations will form part of operational planning, risk assessment, equipment management and continuous improvement, without compromising participant safety, safeguarding or the quality of our activities.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All Edventures employees, freelance instructors and contractors.
- Climbing clubs and other activities delivered in hired school or commercial facilities.
- Adult wellbeing experiences, walks and outdoor activities.
- Expeditions, navigation activities and other outdoor programmes.
- Equipment purchasing, storage, maintenance and disposal.

- Transport, administration, catering and associated business operations.

When operating at hired venues, Edventures will follow the venue's environmental, waste management, access and conservation requirements.

Edventures does not assume responsibility for managing the host's wider premises or utilities unless expressly agreed in writing.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 Owner and Policy Lead

Edward Fairnington is responsible for:

- Overseeing implementation of this policy.
- Identifying significant environmental impacts.
- Establishing achievable environmental improvement actions.
- Maintaining the Environmental Action and Review Register.
- Reviewing environmental performance annually.
- Ensuring relevant environmental considerations are incorporated into activity planning.
- Communicating applicable requirements to workers and contractors.
- Investigating significant environmental incidents or concerns.

3.2 Instructors and Activity Leaders

All instructors and activity leaders must:

- Follow relevant environmental procedures and venue requirements.
- Minimise unnecessary disturbance, pollution and waste.
- Respect wildlife, habitats, landowners and other site users.
- Report environmental hazards, damage or incidents.
- Use and maintain equipment responsibly.
- Encourage appropriate environmental awareness among participants.
- Follow activity-specific environmental controls.

Briefings on these requirements do not replace relevant externally obtained National Governing Body qualifications.

3.3 Participants

Participants will be encouraged to:

- Respect natural environments and hired facilities.
- Dispose of waste responsibly.
- Follow instructions relating to conservation and site protection.
- Avoid damaging habitats, vegetation or facilities.

- Respect other people using the environment.

4. Environmental Planning and Risk Assessment

Environmental impacts will be considered when planning activities.

Relevant considerations include:

- Travel distances and transport arrangements.
- Sensitivity of outdoor locations.
- Wildlife, habitats and seasonal restrictions.
- Group size and frequency of use.
- Ground conditions and potential erosion.
- Equipment requirements and waste generation.
- Energy and water use.
- Venue-specific environmental restrictions.

Where significant environmental risks are identified, suitable controls will be recorded within the activity plan, risk assessment or Environmental Action and Review Register.

Safety and safeguarding requirements take priority where an environmental preference would create unacceptable risk.

5. Sustainable Travel

Edventures recognises that travel can be a significant environmental impact.

Where reasonably practicable, Edventures will:

- Select suitable venues that reduce unnecessary travel.
- Plan journeys efficiently.
- Encourage walking, cycling, public transport or shared travel where appropriate.
- Avoid unnecessary repeat journeys.
- Consider transport impacts when selecting activity locations.

Transport decisions must account for accessibility, participant safety, safeguarding, insurance and operational requirements.

No participant will be disadvantaged because they cannot use a particular form of transport.

6. Energy and Water Use

At hired venues, Edventures will:

- Use lighting and electrical equipment responsibly.
- Switch off equipment under its control when no longer required, where permitted.

- Avoid unnecessary water use.
- Report leaking taps, damaged facilities or unnecessary energy use to the venue contact.
- Follow the host's instructions regarding heating, ventilation and electrical systems.

Edventures will not interfere with building controls or safety systems without permission.

7. Equipment Purchasing and Maintenance

Edventures aims to maximise the safe and useful life of equipment.

Purchasing decisions will consider:

- Suitability and safety.
- Durability and expected service life.
- Repairability where permitted.
- Packaging and waste.
- Responsible sourcing where reasonably practicable.
- Total cost over the equipment's useful life.

All safety-critical equipment must be inspected, maintained and retired in accordance with applicable manufacturer instructions, relevant standards, governing-body guidance and Edventures' equipment procedures.

Environmental considerations must never justify extending the use of equipment beyond its safe service life.

Equipment that has reached its retirement criteria must be removed from service and disposed of or recycled appropriately. Safety-critical equipment must not be reused for safety purposes once retired.

8. Waste Management

Edventures will seek to reduce waste by:

- Avoiding unnecessary single-use materials.
- Using reusable resources where hygienic and appropriate.
- Reducing unnecessary printing.
- Separating recyclable waste where suitable facilities exist.
- Following venue waste procedures.
- Disposing of damaged equipment and other materials responsibly.

Waste generated during outdoor activities will be removed unless suitable lawful disposal arrangements exist.

Hazardous waste, batteries and electrical equipment must be managed through appropriate disposal routes.

9. Outdoor Environmental Protection

Edventures will plan and deliver outdoor activities with consideration for local environmental conditions.

Activity leaders must:

- Respect lawful access arrangements and landowner restrictions.
- Follow relevant access codes and conservation guidance.
- Avoid unnecessary disturbance to wildlife and livestock.
- Protect vegetation, habitats and sensitive ground.
- Minimise erosion and avoid avoidable damage.
- Consider seasonal restrictions and sensitive locations.
- Leave activity areas in an appropriate condition.
- Follow applicable requirements concerning fires, camping, toileting and waste disposal.

Group sizes, routes and activity methods will be adapted where necessary to protect sensitive locations.

Edventures will follow the Countryside Code and relevant local guidance where applicable.

10. Catering and Consumables

Where Edventures provides refreshments or catering, it will consider:

- Avoiding unnecessary food waste.
- Appropriate portion planning.
- Reusable or recyclable materials.
- Responsible purchasing where reasonably practicable.
- Safe food storage and disposal.

Food safety, allergy management and hygiene requirements take priority.

11. Environmental Awareness and Education

Where appropriate, Edventures will incorporate environmental awareness into its activities.

This may include:

- Respecting natural environments.
- Understanding responsible outdoor access.
- Recognising wildlife and habitats.
- Reducing litter and waste.
- Encouraging sustainable outdoor recreation.

Environmental learning will be appropriate to participants' ages, abilities and programme objectives.

These messages will complement, rather than replace, the agreed activity aims or essential safety instruction.

12. Environmental Incidents

Environmental incidents may include:

- Accidental pollution or spills.
- Significant damage to habitats or vegetation.
- Improper waste disposal.
- Damage to protected or sensitive locations.
- Breaches of venue environmental requirements.

Workers must take immediate action where safe to prevent further harm.

Significant incidents must be reported to the owner and recorded through the Edventures Incident and Accident Reporting Procedure, with notification to the venue, landowner or relevant authority where required.

Corrective actions must be recorded and reviewed.

13. Environmental Monitoring and Improvement

Edventures will maintain an Environmental Action and Review Register.

The register will identify:

- Significant environmental impacts.
- Existing controls.
- Improvement opportunities.
- Agreed actions.
- Responsible persons.
- Target completion dates.
- Progress and outcomes.

Environmental performance will be reviewed annually.

Additional reviews may take place following significant incidents, changes in activities, new venue arrangements or relevant regulatory changes.

Improvement actions will be proportionate to the size, nature and resources of Edventures.

14. Communication and Feedback

Edventures will communicate relevant environmental expectations to workers, participants, families and venue partners.

Feedback and suggestions are welcomed through:

info@ed-ventures.co.uk

Environmental statements made publicly must be accurate, proportionate and supported by evidence.

Edventures will not claim carbon neutrality, zero environmental impact or other specific environmental achievements without appropriate substantiation.

15. Related Documents

This policy should be read alongside:

- Edventures Health and Safety Policy.
- Edventures Activity Risk Assessments.
- Edventures Equipment Inspection and Maintenance Procedures.
- Edventures Incident and Accident Reporting Procedure.
- Edventures Educational Programme and Learning Quality Policy.
- Edventures School and Venue Hire Provider Arrangements Policy.
- Environmental Action and Review Register.
- Activity Environmental Considerations Checklist.

16. Policy Review and Approval

This policy will be reviewed annually by the owner or sooner if required.

Policy owner: Edward Fairnington

Approval signature: *Original signed*

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