

**Risk assessment and Management
2026**
Bushcraft
Description.

Bushcraft is about thriving in the natural environment, and the acquisition of the skills and knowledge to do so.

Bushcraft sessions typically include fire lighting, marshmallow cooking and popcorn making, occasionally they might include dough making / cooking or other cooking.

Managing Risk Statement. Supervisors will hold the appropriate qualification (experience and training) for this activity (see [Minimum Qualifications document](#)). The quality and safety of sessions will be regularly reviewed with any outcomes being fed into the RA and policies. Inherent within this activity is the possibility of getting wet, tired and exposed to ambient weather conditions(see [Weather Policy](#))

Benefits. Adventure Activities provide a range of benefits (see [Education and Learning policy](#))

| The Hazard, what is causing a risk? | Who might be affected | How we manage the risk |
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| Slips trips falls | all | No running during the session Obvious trip hazards identified during the initial briefing |
| Burns - body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making fires during sustained periods of dry weather . • Poor behaviour • Poor instruction & monitoring | all | Ongoing supervision Fires must only be lit at areas where permission has been granted. An appropriate means of extinguishing a fire should be present. Extra care must be taken when lighting fires during sustained periods of dry weather |
| Burns – Mouth / lips | Participants | 10 second rule when cooking marshmallows No skewers directly into mouth |

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| Food poisoning – poor cooking | all | A thorough cooking briefing must be delivered by the instructor Food should be inspected before being eaten Instructor observation of group is essential Instructor must make themselves aware of special dietary needs before cooking |
| Food - allergens | | Instructor must make themselves aware of special dietary needs before cooking |
| Specific assessments | | |
| Cuts from tools | All | Instruction to be provided, including health and safety briefing Ongoing supervision Tools only given to participants who can behave sensibly When not in use knife to stay in its case |

Operating Procedures

Before

- Check medical / consent forms.
- Instructor to be familiar with activity RA – specifically any site specific notes.
- Check the weather forecast – does your plan still work.
- Check if there any venue restrictions
- Instructor to ensure correct kit is available for the venue / group.
- Instructor to inspect all kit to ensure it is usable.
- If residential course ensure the group know where to go / park etc.

During

- Clear briefing to highlight risks, safety measures and expectations.
- Any assistants / staff to briefed on their role.

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- Session delivered within instructors NGB remit / inhouse training / experience and accounting for the weather / group ability.

After

- Return kit.
- Inform SAC of any damages or loss.
- Inform manager of any issues with group / venue to assist with planning for future.

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