

Patterdale Hall Risk Management Summary



The following is our risk management summary. The purpose of this summary is to satisfy clients that our risk analysis and management schemes are adequately robust.

PROVIDER/CENTRE DETAILS

NAME: Patterdale Hall
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TELEPHONE: 017684 82233 (24 hour contact number)

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES LICENCE DETAILS

The holding of an Adventure Activities License means that we have been inspected by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA), and our risk analysis and management systems were found to meet the required standards. More about what holding a license means can be found on the Licensing Authority's website.

Reference No R0271 L60057
Date license expires: 6th March 2023

ACCREDITATIONS BY OTHER ORGANISATION

The following awards have been achieved by meeting the rigorous standards of other organizations. This suite of accreditations are held by less than 10% of outdoor providers in the UK.

- Learning Outside the Classroom (LOTC) Quality Badge – R2QB103812
- Institute for Outdoor Learning – 11836 - 1st January 2023
- Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee ADVENTUREMARK – AAA101477
- Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres (AHOEC) – Gold Standard

RISK Vs BENEFIT STATEMENT SUMMARY

As an organisation we firmly believe in the benefit to students of using specified adventurous outdoor activities as a powerful and impactful vehicle for personal, social and key skill development. A detailed assessment of risks for each activity is undertaken both in a formal written format and dynamically whilst in the field and this is weighed up against the positive benefit of the activity. We are unable to remove all risks, but manage risk to a tolerable level.

Activities are targeted to varying adventure thresholds so that the groups' needs are met and physiological wellbeing of individuals, maintained. *For more information see full "Risk versus Benefit Statement" document.*

STAFF COMPETENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

All staff will either hold a relevant National Governing Body (NGB) qualification, or a statement of competence signed by an appropriately experienced and qualified person consistent with the requirements of the Licensing Regulations. Copies will be available for inspection on site. All staff hold relevant and current first aid qualifications.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Our policy is consistent with current good practice in this area, and meets current statutory requirements. Enhanced criminal records checks are carried out through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) on all staff. In the event that a child protection matter needs to be addressed schools should follow their own procedures,

including informing their own designated safeguarding lead for child protection and safe guarding issues. Relevant personnel at Patterdale Hall are Tim Taylor and Sean Duffy. All Patterdale Hall staff have undertaken level 1 Child Protection training as a minimum.

SUPERVISION WHEN NOT ON ACTIVITIES

It is the responsibility of the group leader to supervise their group when not on activities supplied by Patterdale Hall, there will however always be a member of Patterdale Hall staff on call. For more information see "Role of Visiting Leaders" document.

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME AND OBJECTIVES

An activity programme and objectives will be agreed prior to the start date. It may be necessary to alter this programme from time to time to take into account group and environmental factors.

RISK ASSESSMENTS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

A full selection of risk assessments and operating procedures are available to view at the centre. These are inspected as part of our Adventure Activities License inspections.

INSURANCE

Insurance company	RSA Group
Policy No	7T00128364
Dates of Cover	1 st September 2022 – 31 st August 2023
Amounts of cover:	Public liability cover £30,000,000

FIRE PROTECTION

Patterdale Hall has a Fire Risk Assessment in accordance with current regulations. All Fire extinguishing, safety equipment, emergency lighting and Fire Alarm systems are maintained on a regular basis to comply with current legislation.

WIFI AND COMMUNICATIONS

Wi Fi is available to adults only. Log on details will be made available to you upon arrival. Wifi is not available to young people on standard devices. Mobile telephone signal at the centre is good on the Vodafone network and poor or non-existent on other networks. Trip related calls may be made on the centre phone line or over the internet connection.

TRANSPORT

Transport is not required to undertake any of the adventurous activities as all venues are within walking distance. In the event of a situation requiring transport, e.g. an emergency, transport is always available and will be operated by suitably qualified centre staff.

EQUIPMENT

All specialist equipment required for adventurous activities provided by Patterdale Hall will be provided. All equipment provided will be fit for purpose and is routinely inspected as part of our adventure activities license. Records of equipment checks will be available for inspection on site. Any specialist equipment provided and used by visiting groups is at their own risk.

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS


Coded security locks are used on all external doors. Visitors are supplied with the access codes. These doors are fitted with automatic closing mechanisms and are checked and locked during the evening.

CORONAVIRUS COVID -19

All relevant steps have been taken to open the Centre for hospitality and activities with Covid-Secure practices in place, following national and local guidance. Operating procedures and capacities vary between groups who attend which are already 'bubbled' and groups that are not. Detailed Covid 19 Risk Assessments are available for the different aspects of our work.

DECLARATION

I declare that the information above is accurate.

Signed: 

(Centre Manager)

Date: September 2022