

Assessment of:	Prehistoric Cave Painting and Rock Art	Location:	Mount Cook
Completed by:	Bernard Müller	Date of assessment:	January 2024
Reviewed by:	James Clarke	Next Review Date:	February 2026
Ratio:	1:12 Max and Min 1 Group Leader	Staff Competencies	Bush craft for practitioners or in house trained and signed off by Activity Manager.

Hazard <i>(something with potential to cause harm)</i>	Risk <i>(How could hazard cause harm and to whom)</i>	Control Measures <i>(What is required to reduce risk)</i>	In place <i>(Y/N)</i>	Action Required	Action Owner	Residual Risk <i>(low / medium / high)</i>
Tools making	To All: Cuts, lacerations and puncture wounds.	Only instructors to carry/ use cutting tools. All tools to be put in exclusion zone that is clearly defined in briefing. Tools must be kept visible if not in a locked box. Knives must be worn by instructors on exterior sheaths when used. Knife safety to be observed and knives/ axes sheathed immediately after every action.	Y	Natural paintbrushes cut to size before session to minimise sharp tool use on session	Activity Staff.	LOW
Paint/ Dyes	To Participants: Poisoning from ingestion. Allergic reactions	If natural paints are being used, ensure all ingredients are non toxic and do not conflict with group allergies information and are made clear prior to use. Careful preparation of paint/ ingredients before session. Hand washing as part of session.	Y	Clear safety briefing. Careful monitoring of group.	Activity Staff, Activities Manager.	

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Moving through woodland	To All: Slips, trips and falls, Eye damage, Lost child	Full safety brief from bush craft staff, Supervision ratio of 1:12 bush craft staff to students. No climbing. Buddy system for students, regular head counts, boundaries, no running Head torches in low light,	Y	Safety Briefing, Head Counts, registers.	Activity Staff	LOW
Animal/Insect habitats	To All: Disturbing off habitats, Lyme disease (Ticks) potential anaphylaxis	Pre-course checks for insect nests, any insect nests in or very close to camp to be removed or destroyed	Y	First Aid kit, Epi-pens kept close for those with severe allergies and staff trained on how to use them	Participants and Activity staff	LOW
Woodland Foraging	To All: Poisoning, stings, pricks and cuts	Full safety brief from bush craft Leader, No berries or fungus to be collected, all plants to be cleared by bush craft leader. No consumption of any unidentified Flora. Gloves to be worn when handling Nettles/Brambles/bracken	Y	Gloves, Instructors competent in flora identification. Close supervision	Activity Staff Activity Manager	LOW
Poor Hygiene	To All: Sickness and Illness	Cleaning facilities available, Warm water for regular hand washing always available, Showers available on multiple day courses.	Y	Available Facilities in working order	Students and Mount Cook staff	LOW
Lack of Boundaries	To Participants: Missing participants. Unwanted public access	Buddy systems and regular head-checks Brief on what to do if a student becomes lost.	Y	Boundaries in place. Monitoring of boundaries	Mount Cook staff	LOW

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		Clear markings of boundaries, fences and gates				
Dead fall and dead standing trees	To All: Crushing injuries, breaks, death	All sites checked by Mount Cook staff. All tents and other structures placed to reduce risk. Pre-course checks by bush craft Leader. Regular weather checks for high winds. Evacuation procedures	Y	Regular weather checks for high winds. Evacuation procedures	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Uneven Ground / Animal holes	To All: Breaks, Twists, Falls, Sprains	Animal holes identified, and filled in where necessary Initial safety brief to highlight danger areas. No running rules enforced in woods Supervision at all times.	Y	Filling in any dangerous holes, removal of any dangerous stumps and roots	Mount Cook Staff	LOW

Risk Assessment Checked by H&S or Line manager.

Name: Steve Turner CEO

Reviewed on: 5/2/2025



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