

GYPSEY WOOD PARK - Risk Assessment (Group/School Visits)

The park's facilities comply with Health and Safety Regulations and are regularly checked by the relevant agencies. The health and safety of our employees and visitors are our most important priority. Risks created by the park environment are assessed by way of regular Risk Assessments, which are available at the park for inspection. Although our record and reputation with regards to Health and Safety is excellent we recommend that schools perform their own risk assessments prior to visiting the park. We allow a free pre-visit to accommodate for this.

Please make sure that children have appropriate clothing for the day (including wet weather and suitable footwear). Please also ensure the correct ratio of pupils to adults.

Gypsy Wood Park staff are not responsible for the supervision of children.

Hazard or activity on the site	Risks associated with the hazard(s)	Likelihood	Potential to cause harm	Controls already in place and action required by visitors
Running	Slipping, falling, sprains	Low	Low	Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to run on the site.
Wet grass	Slipping, falling, sprains	Low	Low	Supervisors and children should be aware of the possibility of wet grass and take adequate precautions against slipping and falling.
Uneven surfaces	Slipping, tripping, falling, sprains	Low	Low	Supervisors and children should take care when walking and wear sensible footwear.
Road and path edgings	Slipping, tripping, falling	Medium	Low	Supervisors and children should take care at road and path edges to avoid tripping or falling.
Climbing over objects	Slipping, tripping, falling	Low	High	Children must be adequately supervised and instructed not to climb on walls, gates, fences etc.
Spillages	Slipping	Low	Low	Whilst every effort is taken to clean up any spillages, staff will point out any problem areas.
Car Park	Moving vehicles	Medium	High	Children must be controlled at all times when exiting and boarding coaches or cars.
Main Road	Traffic	Low	High	Children must be made aware of the road and supervisors must ensure that children stay away from the road. This will be covered in the welcome and safety talk.
Ponds & lakes	Drowning	Medium	High	Supervisors and children should be aware of the possibility of the danger and take adequate precautions against falling into the water.

Hazard or activity on the site	Risks associated with the hazards	Likelihood	Potential to cause harm	Controls already in place and action required by visitors
Foreign objects	Cuts, burns, abrasions	Low	Low	Supervisors should ensure that children do not pick anything up while on the farm, unless instructed to do so by member of staff.
Animals	Infection, biting, crushing & kicking	Medium	High	All animals on site are properly controlled. Please ask a member of staff for advice on which animals to touch/feed and how to do so. Supervisors must ensure that children wash their hands after handling the animals and especially before eating and drinking. (Wet wipes are not sufficient).
Bees, wasps, insects	Stings	Low	Low	These are natural inhabitants of the countryside. Bees and wasps often pose no risk unless provoked
Chemicals and substances	Inhalation, skin contact, eye contact	Low	High	All substances and chemicals that are used on the farm are kept in locked containers away from the public.
Infection	Various	Low	Low	Supervisors must ensure that children wash their hands after touching the animals and before having any food or drink. Any cuts or abrasions should be protected by a dressing. There are several first aid points around the farm should a dressing be required.
Petrol/diesel	Fire, explosion	Low	High	The use of petrol and diesel-driven equipment is monitored and controlled by the farm workers. All petrol and diesel tanks are locked to avoid access by the visitors.
Electrical equipment	Fire, electrocution	Low	High	All electrical appliances are tested and inspected on a regular basis. Visitors should not touch or interfere with electrical equipment.
Straying into prohibited areas	Unidentified hazards	Low	Low	Groups must stay with their appointed member of staff and supervisors should ensure that children do not wander off.
Buildings	Unstable floors/walls/roofs/falling debris	Low	Low	Gypsy Wood Park ensures the structural integrity of all buildings that children are allowed to enter.
Water	Falling in the water	Medium	High	Supervisors should ensure that children do not get too close to the water's edge when feeding the ducks.
Play area	Falling, tripping	Low	Low	Children should be supervised at all times.