

### High Adventure OEC Risk Assessment - Climbing (includes bouldering & abseiling)

Minimum Leader qualification	SPA (or site specific approval for HA climbing tower)	Minimum Assistant qualification	In house assessed
Max group size with Leader	12 (or 4 lines if on HA climbing tower)	Max group size with assistant	14

Hazard	People at risk	Pre-control	On session control	Risk (minimal, manageable, unacceptable)
Slips / Falls while rigging	HA Staff	All rigging to be undertaken by qualified staff; or experienced staff under supervision	Helmets to be worn when on or near crag. Protect self when in exposed positions	Manageable
Indoor leading	HA staff	Only experience staff to lead climb or belay for leaders		Minimal
Items falling from above	All staff & participants		Helmets to be worn when on or near crag.	Minimal
Equipment failure	All staff & participants	Regular equipment checks and records kept.	Visual and handling check of equipment.	Minimal
Inappropriate use of equipment	Participants & public	Thorough group briefing and supervision	Equipment not be left unsupervised	Minimal
Weather related injuries	All staff & participants	Check weather forecast Groups clothing to be checked prior to session, warm clothing, waterproofs, sun protection, etc	All participants to be monitored for signs of hypothermia / heat stroke. Take drink & snacks for extended sessions.	Manageable
Non-roped activities	Participants	Sessions to be lead by qualified staff; or experienced staff familiar with the venue, under supervision	Good group briefing, appropriate choice of route & problems for group ability, use of spotters	Manageable

#### Essential equipment

Personal - Helmet, harness, appropriate well fastened footwear. *Check for appropriate clothing for weather*  
 Group - Rack, static rigging ropes, dynamic ropes for climbs, static abseil rope with dynamic safety rope.  
 Leader - Group shelter, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit.

### Site specific details

<b>Ikley (Cow &amp; Calf) - gr; SE 132 466 - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) SE 134 465</b>				
Stream walk	All staff & participants	Staff training	Close supervision. Team communication for slippery areas. Spotting where needed. Regular stops, the group must remain together at all times.	Manageable
Tyrolean type problem solving	Participants	Staff training	Close supervision & involvement where necessary. Thorough check prior to use. Brief group on use of equipment and potential problems	Manageable
<b>Brimham - gr; SE 207 646 - EMERGENCY PHONE <i>go to the National Trust Visitor Centre</i></b>				
Rigging for cubic block	Staff	Staff training	Extreme care needed; especially in descent from main block to cubic slab.	Manageable
<b>Widdop - gr; SD 937 328 - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) SD 951 316</b>				
Rigging for all climbs	Staff	Staff training	Care required at foot of climb and whilst accessing the crag.	Manageable
<b>Twistleton - gr; SD 717 758 - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) SD 693 733</b>				
Rigging for all climbs	Staff	Staff training	Care required in ascent / descent to the main crag from the parking point at the farm. Lots of loose debris around the crag.	Manageable
Abseil	Staff	Staff training	Care needed going over the lip, good group control & explanation about this.	Manageable
<b>Ingleton Wall - gr; SD 696 732 - EMERGENCY PHONE <i>use Inglesport</i></b>				
Rigging for all climbs	Staff	Staff training	Supervision required at foot of climbing wall.	Manageable
<b>Cadshaw rocks - gr; SD 702 179 - EMERGENCY PHONE (payphone) SD 701 194</b>				
Rigging for all climbs	Staff	Staff training	Supervision required at foot of climbing wall.	Manageable

<b>Corby crag - gr; - EMERGENCY PHONE</b>				
				Manageable

<b>Stone Farm - gr; TQ 382 348 - EMERGENCY PHONE</b>				
Rigging for all climbs	Staff	Staff training	Supervision required at foot of climbing wall.	Manageable

<b>Wilton Quarries - gr; SD 699 134 - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) SD 699 134</b>				
Rigging for all climbs	Staff	Venue knowledge	Be aware of grassy slopes above some climbs and limited space above the fin	Manageable
Group access	Participants	Venue knowledge	Give clear briefing on approach to the crag and keep close control at abseil areas	Manageable
Shooting Range	All staff and Participants	Pre contact the gun club on 0161 7888794	If the red flags are out then the range is in use - Use alternative programme	Manageable

<b>Denham Quarry - gr; SD 592 228 - EMERGENCY PHONE (payphone) SD 595 232</b>				
Rigging for all climbs	Staff	Staff training	Some of the tops have loose rock, use self protection	Manageable
Trips & slips	Participants	Venue knowledge	Brief group about loose boulders near the foot of the crag	Minimal

<b>Windgather Rocks - gr; SJ 997 783 - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) SK 401 380</b>				
			No site specific issues	

<b>Slipstones crag (nr Masham) - EMERGENCY PHONE (private) Healy village</b>				
Access	All	Briefing	The group need to walk along a short section of narrow road.	Manageable
Rivington - Explorer sheet 285 622 162				
Access	All	Briefing	Group need spotting on the walk in & briefing about the top of the cliff.	Manageable

Assessed by	HA OEC Ltd	Renewal date	This Risk Assessment is renewed in October each year as a matter of course, but is also reviewed & amended on a weekly / monthly basis subject to any changes that occur to High Adventure OEC Ltd Normal Operating Procedure.	
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