

Risk assessment for inland shooting for Leicestershire Wildfowlers Association

Activity

Shooting of wildfowl, game (Pigeons and crows may not be shot), on Washland owned By the Earith Wash Group, between 1st September, and 31st January. The activity will be performed by LWA members and guests Shooting may take place throughout the day and night on a Pre purchased Day ticket basis only.

	Hazard Define Hazard	Risk	Persons at Risk Member. Public. Visitors	Severity of Hazard 1- No injury 2- First Aid injury 3-Lost time injury (over 3 days) 4-Major injury disabling disease 5-Death	Likelihood 1 Very unlikely 2 Unlikely 3 Likely 4 Very likely 5 Certain/imminent	Risk Rating Severity X likelihood Pre-control measure
1	Adverse weather conditions fog.	Become disorientated leading to death by drowning.	M/V	5	2	10
2	Adverse weather conditions cold.	Hypothermia.	M/V	5	2	10
3	Adverse weather conditions wind and floodwater movements.	Risk of drowning.	M/V	5	3	15
4	Handling and use of firearms/ shotguns.	Negligent discharge, leading to death or wounding.	M/P/V	5	2	10
5	Dogs.	Dog bite.	M/P/V	3	2	6
6	Walking to and from shooting area.	Slips/trips/falls/drowning.	M/V	3	2	6
7	Presence of barbed wire/electric fences.	Minor electric shock, entanglement, trips, falls.	M/V	3	2	6
8	Use of small boats to access/shoot on Ouse Washes.	Risk of drowning.	M/V	5	3	15
9	Use of Access track	Risk of drowning	M/V	5	2	10

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<p align="center">Control Measures - Inland</p> <p>May require action to reduce risk further. Will require appropriate level of resources. May require considerable resources e.g., Specialist equipment. Levels of supervision (consider most effective methods of eliminating and controlling hazard).</p>	<p align="center">Severity</p> <p>1- No injury 2- First Aid injury 3-Lost time injury (Over 3 days) 4-Major injury disabling disease 5-Death</p>	<p align="center">Likelihood</p> <p>1 Very unlikely 2 Unlikely 3 Likely 4 Very likely 5 Certain/imminent Post-control measure</p>	<p align="center">Risk Rating</p> <p>Post-control measure</p>	<p align="center">Risk Reduction</p> <p>Pre-control Risk less Post-control Risk</p>	<p align="center">Result</p> <p>Audit/monitor</p>
All members should carry a compass, smart-phone or GPS, and be conversant in its use. Members are recommended to have a mobile telephone in their possession. Members will be expected to show they are properly equipped for flights and abide by the risk assessment.	5	1	5	5	Monitor
Wear and carry appropriate clothing. New members will be shown appropriate clothing.	5	1	5	5	Monitor
New members must show an understanding of how to study weather forecasts to appreciate how and when the wind is likely to affect the floodwater. The way in which the floodwater moves onto and off the Ouse Washes will be explained to new members.	5	1	5	10	Monitor
Firearm / shotgun kept unloaded until position is reached. Shooting positions will be chosen so that no other person is at risk. New members should be conversant with the BASC code of conduct for shooting.	5	1	5	5	Monitor
Dogs under close control.	3	1	3	3	Monitor
Carry and use a wading stick and know your route, especially when returning from a flight after dark. New members will be made aware that the floodwaters will cover up river channels, dykes and deep holes or ponds all of which present a risk of drowning.	3	1	3	3	Monitor
Avoid electric fences, which should carry warning signs. Take care when crossing barbed wire, especially in flood conditions. Where possible walk to and use a gate. Keep clear of stored farm machinery.	3	1	3	3	Monitor
Members using Boat should ensure the vessel is fit for purpose and they are competent to operate them. Life jackets must be worn at all times in a boat. A means of communication Mobile Phone and or Flares should be carried while using boats	5	1	5	10	Monitor

The access track can become flooded and or very muddy and slippery in the wet and frosty winter months, access by vehicle in these times must be only done in a vehicle with suitable tyres and preferable 4-wheel drive. Turning around on the track should be done in Daylight and with great care at all times	5	2	5	10	Monitor
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