

# Hazard identification and points to consider when visiting Ham Street Woods National Nature Reserve

This document is intended to aid teachers/group leaders evaluate and manage the risks associated with their visit to the site. This is not an exhaustive list and we strongly recommend teachers/group leaders visit the reserve prior to taking groups, for familiarisation and to assist with making their own suitable and sufficient risk assessments. Further useful information and guidance on health and safety for school trips is available on [www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk).

## Ham Street Woods National Nature Reserve contains the following hazards:

- As a natural environment the ground is uneven. Teachers and group leaders are advised to keep to the paths and areas designated for the set activities, whilst fully appreciating the general use of the site during the visit with regard to the needs of the children.
- The public can access this site with dogs. Teachers and group leaders are advised to supervise the children at all times and consider issues of animal faeces and litter.
- Inedible vegetation such as fungi and berries can be found on the site. Children should be warned not to eat anything found and to keep their hands away from their face and mouths.

**Please remember to always carry a first aid kit and it is advisable to have a trained first aider present throughout your visit. It is recommended that teachers/group leaders carry antibacterial wipes or gel for children to clean their hands properly as there are no facilities at the site for hand washing.**

## Further Information

Accident and Emergency  
Emergency Services Tel: 999

William Harvey Hospital,  
Kennington Road,  
Willesborough,  
Kent,  
TN24 0LZ.  
Tel: 01233 633331.

## Grid Reference for Car Park (100m grid ref)

- Car Park: (Bourne Lane) TR 003 337

