

Hazard identification and points to consider when visiting the Wye National Nature Reserve

This hazard identification document is intended to help teachers/group leaders assess 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 risk assessments.

Further useful information and guidance on health and safety for school trips is available on teachernet.gov.uk

Wye National Nature Reserve contains the following hazards:

- There is a busy road between the main car park and the reserve entrance. Appropriate care and precautions need to be taken.
- As a natural environment the ground can be uneven and steep. 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.
- There is an open and exposed vista and therefore it is recommended teachers/group leaders consider issues of hypothermia and heat exposure.
- 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.
- Grazing animals: The site is grazed by cattle, sheep and goats. While the animals are generally friendly, children should be advised not to approach them and to watch where they are walking.
- Inedible vegetation such as fungi and berries can be found on this site. It is advised that children be warned not to eat anything found and to keep their hands away from their face and mouths.
- Please be aware that adders are found on the National Nature Reserve.

Please remember to carry a first aid kit at all times. It is also advisable to have a trained first aider present throughout your visit. It is recommended that teachers/group leaders carry appropriate 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 References for car parks

NNR coach car park TR076 457

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