

Company Name	LOCH INSH	 LOCH INSH OUTDOOR CENTRE
Address of Premises (being assessed)	KINCRAIG INVERNESS - SHIRE PH21 1NU TEL: 01540 651272	

Task	Bush Craft	Risk Assessment No.	RABC22
Name of Assessor	Jonathan Freshwater	Signature	
Assessment Date	18 - 10 - 2022	Review Date	18 - 10 - 2023

Process	Hazard	Persons at risk	Controls to reduce risk	
Moving through forest	Standing deadwood And dead fall branches/ hanging branches	everyone	Check area of use beforehand and notify and teach participants how to spot risks	
Walking on uneven ground	Uneven Ground	Clients Coaches	Advise all participants when foraging to watch where to step at all times. Where possible follow existing paths especially walking as a group Avoid areas of marsh land with large clumps of grass and hollows	
Foraging	Falling into deep water	Clients coaches	Choose location for activity carefully away from areas with steep banks	
Clothing	Exposure	Clients coaches	Making sure appropriate clothing is worn before the start Ensure that protective clothing is at least carried with the group if not being worn at the start of the session.	
Exploring / foraging	Low branches	Clients coaches	Advise on low branches and the danger of branches hitting someone in the face. Don't forage too close to each other in dense woodland	
Kelly Kettles	Exploding boiling water	Clients Coaches	Check and make sure that the pressure release valve is open before lighting fire. Remind them about hair and loose clothing Along with appropriate ways to handle hot kelly ketel	

Building fires	Scorching ground	The Environment	Choose position wisely for working with the kettles and never on a peaty area.	
Fires	Igniting the nearby environment	Clients Coaches Passers by	Have a fire suppression system nearby for all fire related sessions ideally buckets near the loch.	
Contact in the event of emergency	Patchy mobile reception	clients	Group will carry 2 way radios complete radio check before session Give emergency services a grid reference or 'what three words' of the accident site, not just a description. Phone the centre or base camp as well as 999. The centre can then re-report the accident (by way of confirmation) with accurate location and other information.	
Camping Specific Risk Assessment	Hazard	Persons at risk	Controls to reduce risk	
Wild Camping	Insect and tick bites	Clients and coaches	Tick removal card in first aid kit. Deal with ticks within 12 hrs to minimize risk	
fueling the kettle	Flare up / burning	clients	Drop sticks in from top only Do not put hands near the flame or the hot areas of the kettle	
Unforeseen injuries	Unforeseen	Clients coaches	Safety boat available from Loch Insh to rescue in the event of emergency Loch Insh Van also available for ground recovery	
Adverse Weather	Adverse weather conditions prohibit intended forward travel	Clients	Keep the group together, work your way back to the centre as quickly as is possible	
Moving through forest and location of camping set up / campsite	Standing deadwood And dead fall branches/ hanging branches	Everyone	When setting up campsite check for dead standing trees and branches that may fall in winds	

