

Blair Atholl Risk Assessment 2024

Name of activity, event, and location	All Day Cycle , Blair Atholl International Scout Jamboree, Blair Atholl Estate, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry PH18 5TH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cally Car Park Dunkeld PH8 0ER • What 3 Words Location ;///losses.trooper.asterisk 	Date of risk assessment	18th of May 2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Fraser Wright
		Date of next review	27th of January 2028		

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & Revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways to make activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Hazard- Bike fault. Risk- The fault could lead to injury.	Leaders, Participants	Controls- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bikes will be M checked prior to activity sessions. Any issues will be reported, documented. • Leaders carry basic tool kits and puncture repair kits to enable them to perform "get me home" repairs. Upon returning to camp, fault will be documented and reported to the team mechanic. 	
Hazard- Collision with Traffic and members of the public. Risk- Injury	Leaders, Participants, Public	Controls- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads and Traffic ;Riders will be supervised during the ride, one leader will ride at front of the group acting as spotter and informing the group of oncoming hazards. • Riders will be informed that paths are for public use and to be careful of their positioning and be vigilant for oncoming traffic and traffic coming from the rear, ensuring all group members are aware of any danger/hazards. 	

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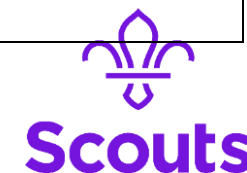
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public will be made aware of cyclist presence by use of posters along routes clearly marked with dates and times of trails in use. 	
<p>Hazard- Trail Hazards.</p> <p>Risk- Injury</p>	<p>Leaders, Participants</p>	<p>Controls-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compulsory use of helmets no older than 10 years and gloves for all riders. Helmets will be checked to ensure they are fitted correctly prior to mounting bikes. Using the tip test and ensuring the chin strap can not be pulled over the chin. All participants will complete a basic skills check prior to leaving sit, ensuring everyone can cycle and control a bike confidently. Postpone ride or curtail due to weather. Weather will be monitored by the met office weather app, if wind exceeds 30mph, yellow weather warning is issued or temp rises beyond 30c, the cycle will be postponed. Trail conditions will be monitored and if found to be damaged the group will return the way they have come. Have communication with the main site if assistance is required. Check the condition of the trail, prior to participants riding the trail, by means of leader ride. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helmet life span can be extended up to 10 years as long as a detailed log is kept.
<p>Hazard- Riding as part of a group (Group Management)</p> <p>Risk- Potential for losing members</p>	<p>Leaders, Participants</p>	<p>Controls-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riders will have their speed controlled with a leader setting the pace. No participant shall overtake the lead cyclist. Regular stops at preset locations to allow riders towards the back to regroup. Register taken to ensure all members present before setting off and headcounts performed during the cycle. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A leader will be at the back to act as a back stop, to provide encouragement to those at the back of the group. 	
<p>Trail Report Hazards – Terrain, Cattle Grids, Gates, Gorge (Off trail), Bridges.</p> <p>Risk Injury.</p> <p>Scout POR - 9.12.4.6/7</p>	<p>Leaders, participants</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants will be made aware that the trail has public use with other cyclists, walkers, and horses on the route prior to leaving the site. 2. Dear and field gates will be left how they are found so as not to impact activity on the estate. 3. Livestock will be given a wild berth, and cyclists may have to dismount to avoid stressing livestock. 4. Any damage found whilst on the trail or any accidental damage caused will be reported to the estate. 5. Participants and leaders will stay away from the gorge along the route. <p><u>Risk Level: Low</u></p> <p><i>'9.12.4.6 Definition : Cycle environment zero</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>cycle environment zero must not meet any of the criteria for cycle environment one or two.</i> b. <i>cycle environment zero must be no more than 2.5km, or 30 minutes walking distance, from access for an emergency vehicle, and one of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>a flat space constructed of a solid surface such as concrete or flat grassed areas</i> • <i>a private or public road</i> • <i>a marked cycle path or cycle route</i> • <i>a bridleway</i> • <i>a family designated cycle route</i> c. <i>all cycling manoeuvres within cycle environment zero must be possible to perform:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>at a low speed, such as walking speed</i> 	<p>To be reassessed closer to camp.</p> <p>Assessed as in usable condition on the 12th of April 2026.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • while remaining seated • with both wheels of the bicycle on the ground. <p>9.12.4.7 Definition : Cycle environment one</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. cycle environment one must not meet any of the criteria for cycle environment two. b. cycle environment one must be no more than 2.5km or 30 minutes walking distance from access for an emergency vehicle, and one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a blue cycle run at trail centres • a route defined as rollable, with drop offs no higher than hub height • a route with an obvious line choice.' <p>The route has been risk assessed and meets the requirements of Environment 0 / 1 Depending on route taken as described in the activity manual.</p>	
<p>Hazard- Weather Conditions Heat/Cold</p> <p>Risk- Sunburn, Heatstroke, Hypothermia</p>	<p>Leaders, Participants</p>	<p>Controls-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that riders are wearing the weather appropriate clothing, Waterproof are advised to be carried at all times. • Postpone ride or curtail due to weather. If wind over 30mph, temperature exceeding 30c or yellow weather warning issued as per met office weather app. • Check the weather prior to activity. • Ensure that the riders have a water supply e.g. water bottles, take regular breaks to avoid exhaustion and dehydration. • Instruct that participants have a day bag with snacks and are able to carry water. 	

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<p>Hazard- Inappropriate Clothing</p> <p>Risk- Injury</p>	<p>Leaders, Participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Footwear- no open toed shoes (Flip-flops, Sandals) or Inappropriate footwear (Wellie boots) ● Clothing- No loose-fitting trousers, long dresses. ● Leaders- will ensure participants have appropriate footwear and clothing when collecting participants from Sub-Camp. ● Participants will be asked to ensure they have a rain jacket, in case of change of weather during activity. 	
<p>Hazard- Inappropriate use of bike</p> <p>Risk- Injury</p>	<p>Leaders, Participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leaders and participants will have the opportunity to M check and familiarise themselves with the bike prior to taking part any activity.(Checking breaks, suspension if applicable and seating position) ● No member will ride a bike they are unfamiliar with. 	
<p>Hazard- Head Injury</p> <p>Risk - Injury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scout POR - 9.12.4.1 Helmets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activity Helmets - FS120430 	<p>Leaders, Participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>'POR - 9.12.4.1 - A cycle safety helmet must be worn by anyone taking part in an organised Scout cycling activity, unless:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>a Sikh wearing a Turban chooses not to wear a helmet. This does not apply to a Sikh wearing a Top Knot.</i> ○ <i>a medical or additional need causes challenges with wearing a conventional cycle safety helmet, see Activity Helmets (FS120430) for guidance.</i> ○ <i>Activity Helmets -FS120430</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Please note that this is only to be used as a last resort in the rare instances / exceptional circumstances when the activity leader in partnership with the parent/carer has come to the conclusion that helmet wearing is not an option for a participant.</i> ■ <i>It is the activity leader's responsibility to come to a decision regarding suitable alternative arrangements (reasonable adjustments) and risk assess accordingly,</i> 	<p>To be assessed in conjunction with activity co-ordinator and young persons contingent Leader in the absence of a parent if able to do so.</p>

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		<p><i>this should be done in consultation with the parent/carer and young person as appropriate. It is the responsibility of the activity provider / activity leader to assess the risks and come to a conclusion regarding suitable alternative arrangements (reasonable adjustments).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>In addition to the activities where POR specifically states helmets must be worn A & B can be applied to activities where risk assessment, operating procedures or local decisions have identified the importance / need to wear helmets, this may be a paddle sport, sailing activity caving or high ropes for example.</i> ■ <i>It will always remain the case that if adjustments cannot be made to allow the individual to take part in the activity safely, they should not take part in the activity. Safety remains the priority.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Equipment checks and suitability (FS120430)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>All helmets must be UKCA / EN / CE marked to the appropriate standard for the activity.</i> ○ <i>As an explanation a child's toy construction helmet is not suitable for working on a building site or climbing but it will have a CE mark to identify that it is suitable as a toy; it will not have sharp edges and will not splinter or break into small parts a child could swallow.</i> ○ <i>Other helmet markings will include: Name of manufacturer, Model designation (if several models are marketed by the manufacturer), Size if applicable, Year of manufacture, Pictogram, which advises the user to read the information given by the manufacturer.</i> ● <i>Life Span (FS120430)</i> 	
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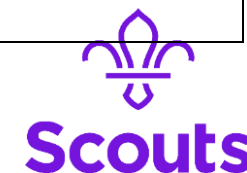
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as helmets have manufacturer's instructions relating to the use and this will also detail the lifespan of the product and how to assess it as being suitable for use.</i> ○ <i>Check the manufacturer's instructions carefully.</i> ○ <i>Where a manufacturer gives a lifetime for an item, this is the deadline date that must not be exceeded.</i> ○ <i>The highest life expectancy of most helmets is ten years.</i> ○ <i>The lifespan of a helmet will decrease depending upon the frequency and conditions of use.</i> ○ <i>A brand-new climbing helmet could be retired from use on the day of purchase if struck by a rock or dropped from the top of a crag for example.'</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Life Span and Equipment Suitability to be confirmed with Hire Company Wheelies Cycles and will be checked by Team Leaders upon arrival. 	
Scout POR -9.12.4.2 Responsible person	Leaders, Participants	<p><i>'There must be a responsible person who is not taking part in the activity. They must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>know the details of the journey.</i> ● <i>be informed when the activity is completed.</i> ● <i>be informed if the participants have returned safely.'</i> <p>The Activity Co-ordinator along with the activity office will be made aware of movements and routes prior to departure.</p>	
Scout POR - 9.12.4.3 Emergency cards	Leaders, Participants	<p><i>'The party must carry emergency cards. Any emergency cards produced locally must contain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>what to do in an emergency</i> ● <i>party name</i> 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>base location and contact point if available</i> ● <i>party leader name</i> ● <i>InTouch system details.'</i> <p>This information is provided on the back of the members Identification Lanyard.</p>	
<p>MiniBus use ;</p> <p>Driver fatigue</p> <p>Driver distraction</p> <p>Passenger injury</p> <p>Safeguarding issues</p> <p>Travel sickness</p>	Everyone	<p>Driver fatigue</p> <p>Maximum 2 hours of driving before taking at least a 15-minute rest. Secondary driver available for long trips</p> <p>Driver distraction</p> <p>Everyone briefed before setting off to keep noise down and not distract the driver. Mobile phones are strictly ignored by the driver.</p> <p>Passenger injury</p> <p>Seatbelts must be worn at all times (driver checks before departure). Aisles and emergency exits kept completely clear of bags and equipment.</p> <p>Safeguarding issues</p> <p>Minimum of two adults present. Proper section ratios maintained. Leaders positioned near exits or interspersed to monitor behaviour.</p> <p>Travel sickness Prone individuals seated near the front. Sick bags, paper towels, and water kept readily accessible.</p>	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

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