



COUNTRY PARK

Wellington Country Park – Education Risk Assessment: 2026

Hazard	Associated Risk	People at Risk	Likelihood (1-5)	Existing Controls	Responsibility
Vehicles	Collision, serious injury, death	Whole group	1	Speed limit controls	Park staff & responsible adult
Climbing on rails, fencing, seating & trees	Risk of injury from falling	Whole group	2	Safety notices where relevant, supervision of children	Park staff & responsible adult
Ponds & Water	Risk of drowning	Whole group	1/2	Physical barrier, not in all areas, supervision of children & life belts	Park staff & responsible adult
Uneven surfaces, wet leaves, mud, tree roots	Trips, falls, slipping, cuts, bruises grazes & sprains	Whole group	2	Encouraged not to run	Responsible staff
Children's play equipment	Risk of falling, equipment failure	Children	1/2	Supervision notices and regular maintenance checks, age restrictions	Park staff & responsible adult
Lost children	Becoming separated from the group and lost in the Park	Children	1/2	Staffed trained in procedures in dealing with lost children	Responsible adult
Location	Collision with obstacles, equipment in workshop area	Children	1	Keeping the area clear and tidy supervision of children	Responsible adult
Biological	Infection from animals, allergies, reaction, bites & stings to include ticks and wasps	Whole group	2/3	Well supervised, with clear instructions given with regards the associated risk	Park staff & responsible adult

Please note a more detailed risk assessment for the Jumping Pillow can be provided on request. Basic first aid is available in the Main Reception.

**WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK – SCAVENGER WORKSHOP EDUCATION
RISK ASSESMENT 2026**

<i>Equipment/Task</i>	<i>Hazard</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Risk</i>	<i>Precautions</i>
Holes in the ground	Slipping/falling down a rabbit hole	Staff/Public	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children are supervised at all times • Children are not allowed in the woodland area without an adult • Everyone is advised there maybe rabbit burrows and shallow holes around the woodland area • Advised not to put hands, arms, feet or any other parts of body down holes
Using crayons	Chewing/eating, colouring of clothes or body	Public	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only child friendly crayons and pencils are used. • Crayons are non-toxic
Bites	Bites or stings	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group are made aware before the workshop begins that they must not pick up or touch any mini beasts they find
Biological	Infection/disease	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate provision of hand washing facilities is available • The Education Leader will always advise children/adults to wash their hand straight after their workshop • Hand dryers rather than communal towels are provided • Children are asked not to touch their face or put their hands in their mouth until they have washed their hands • Any open cuts are to be covered with a plaster • Young children from primary school age are to be reminded how to wash their hands well

WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK – ANIMAL FARM WORKSHOP
EDUCATION RISK ASSESSMENT 2026

<i>Equipment/Task</i>	<i>Hazard</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Risk</i>	<i>Precautions</i>
Uneven/slippy surfaces	Slipping on mud and straw, rabbit holes	Staff/Public	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before the workshop starts children and adults must be given a safety talk informing them that there should be no running around the Farm
Bites	Bites or stings	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group are made aware before the workshop begins that they must not touch any of the animals unless the Education Leader says so
Biological	Infection/disease	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate provision of hand washing facilities are available The Education Leader will always advise children/adults to wash their hand straight after their workshop Children are asked not to touch their face or put their hands in their mouth until they have washed their hands
Vehicles	Collision, serious injury, death	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limits are to be enforced at all times All children and staff are made aware by the Education Leader that there may be moving vehicles in and around the farm School children must stay in their groups with their leader at all times
Animals	Animal bites	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of signs to make the public aware the animals may bite Make sure the children are supervised at all times during their visit to the Animal Farm The Education Leader will instruct the children of the appropriate way to act around animals

**WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK – BUG HUNTING WORKSHOP EDUCATION
RISK ASSESSMENT 2026**

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Holes in the ground	Slipping/falling down a rabbit hole	Staff/Public	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children are supervised at all times • Children are not allowed in the woodland area without an adult • Everyone is advised there maybe rabbit burrows and shallow holes around the woodland area • Advised not to put hands, arms, feet or any other parts of body down holes
Bug Hunting Equipment	Knocks and bumps to head or body	Public	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large groups are to be split into groups of 5/6 children • Children and adults are warned to take care when using the bug hunting equipment such as buckets, magnifying glasses • Children are not to be swinging their buckets around so the equipment inside falls out • A supervising adult must be present with a group of children at all times
Bites	Bites or stings	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group are made aware before the workshop begins that they must not pick up or touch any mini beasts they find
Biological	Infection/disease	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate provision of hand washing facilities is available • The Education Leader will always advise children/adults to wash their hand straight after their workshop • Hand dryers rather than communal towels are provided • Children are asked not to touch their face or put their hands in their mouth until they have washed their hands • Any open cuts are to be covered with a plaster • Young children from primary school age are to be reminded how to wash their hands well
Climbing trees and tree stumps	Falling over or out of a tree/stump	Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children must be supervised at all times • The Education Leader will always advise children not to climb any of the trees in the woodland

**WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK – POND DETECTIVE
WORKSHOP EDUCATION RISK ASSESSMENT 2026**

<i>Equipment/Task</i>	<i>Hazard</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Risk</i>	<i>Precautions</i>
Working close to water	Falling into Lake/Pond	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children are supervised at all times • Children are not allowed on the pontoon without an adult • Only 5 children allowed on the pontoon at the same time • All equipment must be kept off the pontoon and set back on the grass to ensure nobody can trip over the equipment and fall into the water
Uneven/slippery surfaces	Slipping/falling into Lake/Pond	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the workshop starts children and adults must be given a safety talk informing them that there should be no running or jumping on the pontoon • All pontoons are covered in a wired mesh to provide a non-slip surface
Pond Dipping Equipment	Knocks and bumps to head or body	Staff/Public	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and adults are warned to take care when using the fishing nets • Fishing nets must be kept below waist height • Children are not to carry fishing nets away from the pontoon, they must be left on the pontoon when leaving • Large groups are to be split between pontoons to provide plenty of space • Only 5 children are to pond dip with 1 net each on a pontoon at one time • A supervising adult must be present at each pontoon at all times
Damage to pontoon	Injuries from wire	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mesh on the pontoon is to be checked regularly by site wardens to ensure there is no damage to the wire • Any damaged wire which is sticking up or could cause an injury is to be replaced or made safe
Bites	Bites or stings	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group are made aware before the workshop begins that they must not pick up or touch any mini beasts they find
Water Play Table	Collapsing of table or trapping of fingers	Staff/Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the setup of a workshop, staff are to check the stability of the water tables to ensure legs and base are solid and undamaged • Children are instructed that they must not lift or tip tables

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