

Hazard	Person(s) involved	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Current Controls	Additional Controls Required	By Who	By When	Risk Level After
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Slips Trips and Falls	All staff and visitors	4	2	8 Medium	<p>The pathways have been levelled and smoothed with the side bordered with timber and all significant trip hazards levelled off. Steep slopes have been converted to steps and dangerous slopes on the side of the path have been fenced to prevent people falling over.</p> <p>However this is a natural walk and people must take care when using it. It is an unsupervised activity and parental control of children is important at all times.</p> <p>Each morning, prior to opening a member of staff walks the pathways to visually check the condition of surface, the trees the bridge and the surrounding foliage to ensure that there are no obvious hazards. Any hazard found must be rectified before the pathway is opened to the public. If it is not possible to rectify the hazard then the Walk must remain closed until corrected. Records of this are maintained.</p> <p>A notice is prominently displayed at the entrance advising guest of the rustic nature of the pathways</p>	<p>Extra care must be taken during inclement weather. If the pathways become too slippery then the walk must be closed to the public.</p> <p>Where tree roots or normal wear and tear present a significant trip hazard they must be levelled off with suitable material such as bark chippings or fine gravel before the path is open to the public</p>	Staff Ops Manager Staff	When Required Daily When required	4 x 1 Tolerable
Falling trees and Branches	All staff and visitors	5	1	5 Tolerable	<p>The area is designated as an ancient woodland and is inspected on an annual basis by competent tree surgeons and a full report made out. Further to this it is visually inspected on a daily basis by a member of staff prior to the Walkway being opened to the public.</p>	<p>Identification markers should be placed at regular intervals along both pathways so that in the event of an emergency guest can identify their exact position when calling for help.</p>	Maintenance	asap	Tolerable

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM WildPlace**Serial Number**

Work Activity	Wild Walk – Blackhorse Wood					
People exposed to hazard	All members of staff and visitors	Level of Risk after controls are implemented (please circle)				
		Insignificant	Tolerable	Medium	High	Intolerable
Define Hazards	Rough natural surface to the pathway, slopes and steps					
Define area of hazard	Entire length of the pathway					
Associated Risks	More slippery during inclement weather					

There are two pathways - one running from the Meadow field to just pass the Madagascar Village, a distance of approximately 400 metres and the other from the Cheetah enclosure that loops around the ancient forest past the Gelada enclosure and through Webb's Brake. They are natural pathways through the woods cut into the side of the hill and over flat open fields. There are two bridges crossing over natural ravines - several steep slopes that have been converted to steps and some steep drops on the side that are protected by suitable fencing. The pathway has been edged with timber and levelled off where necessary using a combination of stone grit and wood bark chippings.

It is inspected every morning by a member of staff who walks the entire length checking for any significant hazards. Should a hazard be identified then it is either corrected or the walkway is closed until it is made safe. Records of the inspections are maintained.

Because of the length of the path and its isolation at least two equally spaced identification points should be signposted so that people can phone through in the event of an emergency stating their exact position on the pathway thereby reducing the response time taken to locate them. The signpost should identify the locality and the phone number for the receptionist.

This is a natural rustic walk and by definition is not pathed. All efforts to reduce and control the slip/trip hazards are made but walkers must be aware of the attraction and take care when walking, Warning signs explaining this are prominently displayed.

Name of Assessor (Print): D Garland		Date of Assessment 20/05/2014 Review Date 11/12/2015 DHG January 2017 DHG		Copies to Operations manager Central Risk Assessment register	
RISK LEVEL TERMINOLOGY					
SEVERITY		LIKELIHOOD		LEVEL OF RISK	
1	No injury to minor first aid	1	Very unlikely - Not expected to happen	1 to 2	Trivial - No further action required
2	Absence from work for less than three days	2	Unlikely - 25% chance it might happen	3 to 5	Tolerable - do what is reasonably practicable
3	Absence from work for more than three days	3	Possible - If not this time then next	6 to 12	Medium- Some action to reduce risk
4	Serious injury , broken bones, blindness etc	4	Likely - 75% chance it will happen	15 to 16	High Risk- Immediate action to reduce risk
5	Death or serious disablement	5	Very likely - Expected to happen	20 to 25	Intolerable – Do not start/stop if underway