

# Activity: Gorge Adventure



## Risk Assessment

Hazard	Risk level			Control Measure	Other Measures
	L	M	H		
High Water Levels	●			Weather checked, cancelled in high water. When raining, water levels might rise and fall quickly.	Water levels are monitored and alternative activities offered if water levels should rise over cut off levels.
Equipment in inexperienced hands.	●			All customers are shown how to use any equipment and all gorge sessions are taster session.	All Staff are in-house trained and assessed
Safety equipment. Buoyancy aids and helmets	●			All wear CEN approved buoyancy aid and helmets. Instructors ensure that all safety equipment is fitted correctly	All equipment is checked before use and bi-annually and records kept in the office.
Drowning	●			Buoyancy aids and wetsuits are worn at all times.	Customers are supervised at all times when in the water. Regular head count.
Trips & slips		●		Customers wear helmets, Wet rock are slippery, and clients are encouraged to take time, keep low and use hands. And have appropriate footwear.	All staff receive site specific training and assessment on the correct places for spotting and supervision of the group.
falls		●		All traverses, scrambling and crossings are spotted where appropriate	All staff trained on correct spotting on any scrambling and traversing good group supervision at all times.
Jumps		●		Customers are shown the correct place to jump from and encouraged to have a go! No Diving is allowed! Only one person in the water at any one time during the jumps. Buoyancy aids are worn and instructors carry a throw line.	All Staff are in-house trained and assessed on the correct places to jump into the water and are close at hand at all times.
Harmful substances. Such as Weil's disease (Leptospirosis)	●			Customers advised to shower after any water activity.	All Instructors are in-house trained and aware of the disease.

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Getting Stuck	•			Small dark crawls are optional; route is explained to the customers before attempting.	Instructors monitor each customer as they crawl in and out the black hole.
Falling Rocks	•			CEN approved helmets are worn at all time.	Any place where there is a risk of falling rock is passed through quickly and checked before hand by the instructor.
Hypothermia.		•		Wetsuits, water proof tops and appropriate clothing for time of year. Customers are monitored at all time during the winter months	All staff are trained. Instructor carry warm clothing including hats and gloves during cold months Group shelter and bivi bag always carried by instructor Hot drink.
Injury to Clients or Staff	•			All staff are first aid trained and carry first aid	All staff are qualified and have a minimum of 8 hours all staff carry mobile phone.
Alcohol	•			No customers are allowed to bring or drink alcohol whilst on session; any persons who are intoxicated will not be allowed to participate.	Monitored by BMA staff