

# KENT MOUNTAIN CENTRE RISK BENEFIT ASSESSMENT:

## Canoeing - lagoons and lake

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### Benefits to Participants:

- Improve teamwork and communication
- Improve physical and mental wellbeing through activity and sharing common purpose with others
- Develop leadership skills and initiative
- Develop relationships with others
- Acquire a skill
- Improve confidence
- Appreciate the natural environment
- Develop resilience
- Raise self-esteem
- Create transferable learning to improve outcomes in future at school and in work

Process/ Operation	Affecting	Potential Risk	Control process to manage	Residual risk	Risk Benefit Analysis
manual handling/lifting/emptying/ carrying	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	Low	full and considered briefing to participants	low	positive
entrapment leading to drowning	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	a full and considered briefing to participants. Specific group management and route choices	low	positive
knocks, especially to head	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	a full and considered briefing to participants. Specific group management and route choices. Helmets worn when specifically appropriate	low	positive
cuts and scrapes	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	medium	All instructors are aware of this lakeside hazard and manage/brief groups accordingly	low	positive
hypothermia	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	Instructor vigilance	low	positive

water quality	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	Notices are posted if there are algae problems in hot summers. If this happens, alternative venues are used.	low	positive
eye damage from sun/ water glare or low branches/bushes	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	Eye wear advisable for instructors and repeat participants. Briefing and route choice to avoid branches	low	positive
rescue of very large people	All/Students/ Visiting Leaders /Instructors	low	Staff training 2015 & 16 with Karl Midlane	low	positive
<b>DELIVERY:</b>	<b>TO BE DELIVERED AS PER OPERATING PROCEDURES</b>				
<b>OPERATING PROCEDURES:</b>	<b>The operating procedure document is to be read with this assessment by instructors.</b>				
<b>This Assessment to be reviewed by (Date):</b>	<b>23/05/2018</b>				