

**Risk Assessment Template for Big Skies – Cotswold Glamping Campsite**

Big Skies – Cotswold Glamping and camping is a public campsite with toilet and shower facilities, that is often used by members of the public and by groups. The site is accessed via the A436.

Big Skies management seek to reduce risks by providing their own site specific risk assessment that can encourage members of the public to reduce these risks. We provide the template below only as a guide, and expect that each individual or group will assess their own risks.

<b>Hazards:</b>	<b>Control measures required</b>	<b>Explanatory Notes on Hazard</b>
<b>General</b>		
Bees on site at the far end of the glamping meadow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guests should not go near to the bee hives and under no circumstance should they touch or tamper with the bee hives.</li></ul>	Bees can swarm and sting and should be avoided by guests.
Trees on site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guests should not climb trees during their stay and if they do, they do at their own risk.</li><li>• The woodlands adjacent to the Hawthorn tent should not be entered as this land is not in the ownership of Big Skies – Cotswold Glamping.</li></ul>	Falls from trees could occur, therefore guests are discouraged from climbing trees or entering woodlands.

<b>General Hazards contd:</b>	<b>Control measures required</b>	<b>Explanatory Notes on Hazard</b>
<b>Horses on site, could be a danger to glampers if their field is entered. Fences are electrified</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campers must not enter the horses’ fields as horses can be unpredictable. There is a risk of trampling, being bitten or kicked.</li> <li>• Fences are electrified, with signs placed on those electrified fences to advise glampers and campers.</li> <li>• If horses escape, please contact management immediately.</li> </ul>	<p>Horses are flight animals and can be unpredictable and can cause injury.</p> <p>Electric fences, although not lethal, can cause injury.</p>
<b>Infection from contact with wild animals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careful hygiene is required to ensure that hands and all cooking and eating utensils are clean to ensure that any unnoticed contact with wild animal excrement does not lead to infection.</li> <li>• Use toilet and dishwashing facilities available at the Campsite.</li> <li>• Drink only water labeled as suited for drinking.</li> </ul>	<p>Rabbits, deer, stoats, badgers and horses are all known to frequent the area, infection can result where glampers are not careful with hygiene.</p> <p>Horses and dogs do occasionally range over the campsite and can also be sources of infection.</p>
<b>Burning from fire, especially from firepits or camp cooking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect the advertised distances required between tents (6m between groups, 3m between tents within one group).</li> <li>• Use firepits with care, ensuring they do not get close to flammable material and are not too large or become out of control.</li> <li>• Do not attempt to light the fire pit during extremely windy conditions.</li> <li>• Site camp cooking facilities carefully, ensuring they are steady and are away from flammable material.</li> <li>• Each glamping tent has a tea light chandelier; guests must take extra care not to knock the tea lights out of the holders. Guests must not jump on beds.</li> </ul>	<p>Campfires are allowed on site within the fire pits provided, providing they are only made from wood provided or bought on site. This is a great attraction of the site, but all campers must be aware of the dangers inherent in having fires outdoors, near their tents and other camping accommodation and equipment.</p> <p>Fire-point consisting of fire extinguishers and sand fire bucket are bright red and sited within the at the access to the Glamping meadow.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each glamping tent is equipped with a fire extinguisher</li> <li>• Note the site of fire points near your tent.</li> </ul>	
<b>Falling injuries both during day light and in dark</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure all guests take care when walking around the site.</li> <li>• Ensure all group members have personal lights for use at night.</li> </ul>	<p>The site does have some areas of rough ground, roots and rocks exposed through the woods, steps down to the Hawthorn tent which could cause trips and falls. Steps maybe slippery when wet.</p> <p>There is minimal mains lighting on the campsite, and only at the amenities block. There are some solar lanterns on paths down to the Hawthorn tent and down through the woods to the amenities block. Rough ground is therefore a hazard, especially at night.</p>
<b>Cuts from barbed wire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please be aware that there may be areas where some barbed wire is present. (Brief on areas on arrival).</li> </ul>	<p>Most barbed wire has been cleared and replaced with plain wire but some may still be present in certain areas.</p>
<b>Knives and lighters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The tents are equipped with a set of knives and a lighter. Efforts have been made to locate them inside the blanket box, young children must be supervised at all times when inside the tents to help prevent accidental use of knives and lighters.</li> </ul>	<p>Cuts from knives and setting the tent on fire could occur due to incorrect use, or if young children are left un supervised.</p>

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Emergency Procedures		
<b>First aid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A first aid kit is kept in the toilet block on the wall next to the entrance.</li> <li>• Guests are briefed on location on arrival</li> </ul>	
<b>Emergency Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The campsite has good mobile phone coverage. Phone power-bank chargers can be rented from the honesty shop. Any used power-banks should be placed in the basket provided and will be recharged daily.</li> <li>• <b>The campsite management</b> can be contacted via phone on 07866672831/07704900342. If they are not at the campsite they will arrange for a local friend to deal with any on-site emergencies, or an alternative number will be provided.</li> <li>• <b>Important numbers</b> are as follows:  <b>Doctor:</b> Sixways surgery (<i>approx 3 miles from the glampsite</i>)                      Sixways Surgery, London Road, Cheltenham GL52 6HS                      Phone: 01242 223810   <b>Hospital (24 hour A&amp;E service)</b>                      Cheltenham General (<i>approx 4 miles, or 15 minutes by car</i>)                      Cheltenham General Hospital, Sandford Road, GL53 7AN                      Phone: 0300 422 2222</li> </ul>	Where emergency helicopters are called, the meadow is the most suitable landing place.

Please note that this risk assessment template is an aid only, and is certainly not provided as a full risk assessment for the Big Skies – Campsite. You must identify other risks which are associated with your own planned activities and for the age groups involved. Big Skies management will not be held responsible for any injury that results from the lack of additional risk assessment material.