

Thriftwood Scout Campsite Risk Assessment: **Climbing / Abseiling**

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Hazard	Who might be harmed	Existing controls	Severity 1-10	Likelihood 1-10	Rating (SxL)	Further Actions Required
Falling	Participant	All instructors to hold either Scout Climbing Permit or Girl Guide Level 1 and be assessed by an MIA for School groups. All participants to have well fitting helmet and harness. Decent to be controlled by instructor as per operating procedures	8	2	16	Adequately controlled
Impact from Above	All	Helmets to be worn by all on the gravel area. Participants asked to tie shoe laces and empty pockets.	4	2	8	Adequately controlled
Equipment Failure	All	All equipment is checked prior to use and inspected quarterly. All equipment is replaced as per manufacturers guidelines.	8	2	16	Adequately controlled
Contact with wall during decent	Participant	Participants instructed to correct method of decent. Instructors trained in rescue techniques.	3	4	12	Adequately controlled
Adverse Weather	All	Activity stopped in electrical storms, high winds and heavy rain.	8	1	8	Adequately controlled
Horseplay	All	Activity to be supervised by appropriate adult.	6	2	12	Adequately controlled
Inverting on decent	Participant	Participants instructed to correct method of decent. Helmets worn. Chest harnesses available for those where inversion could be a problem.	8	2	16	Adequately controlled
Body/Clothing Entrapment	Participant	Long hair tied back, scarves removed, loose clothing tucked in. Correct descent technique described by Instructor. Instructors trained in releasable abseil and rescue techniques.	5	2	10	Adequately controlled
See Site Procedures for action.						

Rating	81-100	61-80	41-60	21-40	11-20	0-10
Action	Immediate Action	Action within 1 week	Not adequately controlled	Further Investigation	Adequately Controlled	Trivial Risk

