



The Black Hole

The Black Hole is one of our most popular activity, the activity takes you through a tunnel maze in total darkness over two levels

Dare you enter the BLACKHOLE!

Instructors: This activity is self run by the groups own leaders. It is recommended that you use at least three leaders to supervisor the activity.

Safety: Limit the number of participants inside the Black Hole to a maximum of 10 at any one time. The emergency exits must be unlocked before the activity starts and a leader positioned by the exits to help participants if required.
Helmets to be worn, when inside the Black Hole

Location: In the woods alongside the Bouldering Wall

Activities:

In - Out: Each participant has to find their way round inside the wall from entrance to exit.

Treasure Hunt: Hide Items in the Black hole for participants to find

Both ways: Two teams set of from opposite ends and try to pass without being spotted. (suggest teams of 3 - the others can have a rest)

Timed: Fastest time from start to finish

Sessions: Usually last for 1 hour

Numbers: We recommend 15 participants per hour

What to Wear: This is an indoor activity so coats aren't required. Trousers are required to cover the legs and knees as crawling is involved.

Activity Risk Assessment		BLACK HOLE	
Date of Assessment	20 th February 2008	Date of Management Committee Approval	30 th January 2010
Assessed by	Simon Birchall	Chairman	
Signature		Signature	

Hazards	Existing Control Measures	Who is at risk?	Residual Risk Rating	Comments/Notes
Major collapse of Structure	The structure of the Black Hole is inspected during the closed season each year	Participants, campers, members of the public	Low	
Panic by Participant	The Emergency exits must be unlocked and an adult stationed by the exits to listen for sign of distress from the participants			
Wood splinter	Monthly inspections – Gloves have been considered but not though necessary	Participant	Low	
Injury due to overcrowding of the wall	Maximum occupancy is advised and activity supervised by leaders.	Participants	Low	
Third Party Injury	The wall is locked when the activity isn't being used so access is prevented. The front of the structure is covered to prevent climbing and sides and rear fenced off	Members of the Public, Campers	Medium	Consider covering scaffold tubes on sides and rear of structure. To prevent climbing
Residual risk	This activity is self run by the visiting group leaders. Therefore this risk assessment cannot take in to account the competence of the supervision nor the ability, medical condition or attitude of the participants. It is expected that these factors will be consider by the groups responsible leader before and during use of the activity	Participants	High	

Reviewed: 3 rd April 2013	By: Simon Birchall
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