

## ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

WORK AREA /WORK ACTIVITY COVERED BY ASSESSMENT **Dinosaur Isle - Field trip to Brook and/or Compton Bays**

**(accessed from Brook or Shippards Chines).**

PERSONNEL INVOLVED: Dinosaur Isle staff acting as guides

NON-EMPLOYEES AFFECTED: School children, teachers and non-teaching staff; Dinosaur Isle volunteers and work experience students.

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Item No	Hazards Identified	Risks Identified	Existing Precautions	Remedial Action	Priority for Remedial Action
1	Unstable cliffs.	Falling off cliff. Being hit by falling rock.	Teachers must ensure their group keep well away (at least 5 metres) from cliffs.	Monitor throughout	
2	Tides.	Getting washed away, getting cut off by the tide.	Only visit at a suitable time. Instruct group to avoid the sea. Teachers should headcount at the start and end of the trip. If tide becomes unsuitable then exit via the nearest Chine.		
3	Flotsam and jetsam.	Poisoning, explosion, laceration.	Children must alert an adult if they see any suspicious objects or containers.		
4	Large rocks.	Dropping rocks on toes. Tripping over rocks.	Prevent children and adults lifting heavy rocks. Tell children not to run and to watch where they walk.		
5	Rock splinters.	Being injured by splinters of rock.	Dinosaur Isle staff will use hammers only when necessary. The children must stand back while this takes place.		
6	Dog faeces.	Transfer of pathogens to children.	Warn group to watch out for it. Wash hands after beach visit if necessary.		
7	Strong sun.	Getting dehydrated and sun burnt.	Teachers must ensure their group has water and are wearing suitable clothing, caps and sun block if necessary.		

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8	Slippery rocks.	Slipping.	Group to be conducted as to avoid seaweed-covered rocks exposed at low water.		
9	Slippery slopes.	Slipping.	The group must walk carefully and never run. Trips will not be run after prolonged heavy rain.		
10	Heavy rain.	Getting wet and cold.	Teachers must ensure the group has warm waterproof clothing. School trips will not run in very heavy rain.		
11	Strong wind.	Being blown around.	Trips will not run in strong winds.		
12	Traffic in car park, and on roads.	Member of group being hit by traffic.	Group must be alert to traffic. An adult with a high visibility tabard or jacket should walk in front of, and at the back of, the group whilst walking on the road or in the car park.		
13	Steps to beach.	Slips and falls.	Group must be marshaled on steps.		
14	Edges of gullies / outer edge of wave cut platform.	Stepping into water.	Keep group together at all times. Warn of hazards at locality.		

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**Site Name:** Brook Bay - Hanover Point - Compton Bay.

**Location:** South-west coast of Isle of Wight. Grid Ref: SZ 370849 – 385834

**Amenities:** Toilets and Ice cream van during the summer in Shippards Chine Car-Park. Nearest telephone (emergency) is by the toilet block. There is limited signal for mobile phones at certain locations on the beach, but signal strength is generally good in the car park.

**Access:** Parties may be dropped off outside either of the National Trust car parks at Brook Chine (gravel car park) or Shippards Chine (tarmac car park). Neither park is suitable for coaches, although minibuses may enter both. The beach is reached via steep steps adjacent to the car park at Shippards Chine, otherwise via the path through Brook Chine car park.

**Description:** The site is a sand and shingle beach backed onto high cliffs of clay, sandstone and gravel. The beach is only fully accessible in a window three hours around the low tide.

**Geological Interest:** Early Cretaceous Wessex Formation and post glacial gravels. The sequence is rich in fossils, including dinosaurs' foot casts, track ways and plant remains. Dinosaur bones and other younger fossils can be collected loose on the shingle.

**NOTE: THIS SITE SHOULD ONLY BE USED ON A FALLING TIDE. FULL BEACH ACCESS MAY BE LIMITED TO WITHIN TWO HOURS OF THE LOW TIDE.**