

ACTIVITY	11. Gorge Walking, Ghyll Scrambling, Sea Level Traversing, Mixed Water & Rock Activities
HAZARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Significant falls ✘ Stone fall ✘ Entrapment/tidal problems/swept off shore ✘ Sudden changes in weather conditions ✘ Sudden changes to underfoot conditions ✘ Sudden changes in water levels ✘ Sudden immersion ✘ Pollution/natural and manmade debris ✘ Belay failure with tensioned ropes ✘ Use of ropes in water (entanglement) ✘ Falling trees ✘ Moving rocks
CONTROL MEASURES	
<p>This must be read in conjunction with Risk Assessment Number 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Detailed weather forecast and water level report if available ➔ Local knowledge e.g. venue, sea state, tidal information, access/egress points ➔ Appropriate protective clothing and footwear ➔ Appropriate helmets for all participants ➔ Appropriate spotting in difficult sections ➔ Detailed knowledge and effective planning of escape routes for all sections ➔ Use of buoyancy aids where indicated by the site specific risk assessment ➔ Judicious belay selection and care constructing Tyrolean traverses ➔ Throwline and suitable knife to be carried ➔ Plunge pools/slides to be checked for depth and obstructions (no diving) ➔ ➔ When using the venue in very cold weather – consider avoiding total immersion (esp. head) 	
NOTES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ▪ Where entry into water is likely, leaders must carefully consider methods of safeguarding and retrieving any participant in the water ▪ ▪ Significant emphasis must be placed on dynamic risk assessment, due to the potential for rapid changes to the environment, e.g. unstable boulders, eroded banks etc. Essential to note significant changes and give feedback to other users where appropriate 	

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