



GEOCACHING

Safety Guide

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KEY BENEFITS

Navigation Skills

Builds navigation, mapping, and coordinate skills.

Problem Solving

Encourages problem solving through clues and route choices.

Teamwork

Strengthens teamwork and communication in small groups.

Outdoor Exploration

Promotes outdoor exploration and low impact exercise.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**Terrain & Navigation**

- ✓ Route recce completed before activity
- ✓ Cache locations checked for safety
- ✓ Appropriate footwear required
- ✓ Backup navigation method available

Separation & Lost Pupils

- ✓ Clear boundaries and meeting points set
- ✓ Buddy system implemented
- ✓ Regular headcounts during activity
- ✓ Lost child procedure briefed

Weather & Environment

- ✓ Weather forecast checked
- ✓ Water and sun protection carried
- ✓ Appropriate clothing required
- ✓ Cancellation criteria defined

Device & Technology

- ✓ Devices fully charged with backup
- ✓ Rules about device use while walking
- ✓ Paper map as backup
- ✓ Emergency contact numbers carried

PRE-SESSION SAFETY CHECKLIST**Risk Assessment**

- Complete and review risk assessment for this activity
- Brief all staff on key risks and emergency procedures
- Ensure all identified hazards have control measures in place

Pre-Activity

- Route planned
- Caches verified safe
- Weather checked
- Permissions obtained

Equipment

- GPS devices charged
- First aid kit
- Backup batteries
- Water and snacks

Group

- Safety briefing done
- Meeting points agreed
- Buddy pairs set
- Emergency contacts

During Activity

- Regular headcounts
- Device use managed
- Boundaries respected
- Weather monitored



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