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POND DIPPING

Safety Guide

Forest Schools

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Key Benefits	Control Measures	Checklist Items

KEY BENEFITS

Scientific Observation

Introduces identification of pond organisms and scientific methods.

Ethical Handling

Develops careful handling and ethical sampling techniques around wildlife.

Ecosystem Learning

Teaches food chains, habitats, and predator/prey relationships.

Biodiversity Appreciation

Fosters curiosity and appreciation for freshwater biodiversity.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES

Falling Into Water

- ✔ Set clear boundaries from edge
- ✔ Close supervision at all times
- ✔ Throw rope/buoyancy aid nearby
- ✔ Brief on staying back from edge

Contaminated Water

- ✔ Check water quality beforehand
- ✔ No hand-to-mouth contact
- ✔ Cover cuts before activity
- ✔ Handwashing after session

Slippery Pond Edge

- ✔ Suitable footwear required
- ✔ Use dipping platforms if available
- ✔ Clear vegetation near edge
- ✔ Limit numbers at pond edge

Weather Exposure

- ✔ Sun cream and hats provided
- ✔ Drinking water available
- ✔ Shelter or shade nearby
- ✔ Appropriate clothing layers

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