

This Risk Assessment covers the following activities:

**Bush Skills:**

Participants learn the basic priorities of bush survival and complete a series of challenges- constructing a ‘weather-proof’ shelter and building a fire, starting with a ferro rod and steel. Can include a bush cooking component.

Ratio: 1 Instructor and 1 Attending Group Staff per 18 Participants

Age suitability: Year 4+

Location: Horse Paddock and Fire Pit

Benefit of activity: Team development, communication, personal and social learning, adventure

**Bush Walk:**

Participants are led on a guided walk through the beautiful bushland surrounding Tunnel Ridge Ranch and Ewen Maddock Dam.

Ratio: 1 Instructor and 1 Attending Group Staff per 18 Participants

Age suitability: Year 4+

Location: Ewen Maddock Dam trails

Benefit of activity: Exploration, exercise, adventure

Risk Assessment- Programming Overview								
Hazard	Hazard Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	Action and Control Measures	New Likelihood	New Consequence	New Risk Rating
<b>Equipment</b>  Equipment Safety and Use	Injury due to poor site/equipment selection and/or construction	Possible	Minor	Medium	<b>Shelter Building:</b> The Instructor sets the boundaries where shelters may be built and facilitates a discussion regarding safe location/placement for shelters and appropriate resources to utilise. The discussion covers ground safety (sticks, rocks, pests), tree safety (living/dead), weather safety (wind, rain), and equipment safety (only use resources already on the ground, test strength before using). The Instructor will continually monitor the construction/structures.	Unlikely	Minor	Low
	Injury due to inappropriate use of ferro rod and steel	Possible	Minor	Medium	<b>Fire Starting:</b> The Instructor will demonstrate the correct technique to create sparks, emphasizing pointing/flicking away from other participants.	Rare	Minor	Low
					Other hazards are covered in the GENERAL Risk Assessment			

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<b>Environment</b>  Weather Conditions and Onsite Hazards	Injury due to horses	Possible	Major	High	<b>Bush Skills:</b> Prior to activity, program logistics will be checked with horse staff. Horse staff will move horses from paddock before session.			
	Consumption of bush tucker	Possible	Moderate	High	<b>Busk Walk:</b> Consumption of bush tucker is not permitted. Participants are briefed to not eat anything even if it is noted to be edible.	Rare	Moderate	Low
	Burns	Possible	Moderate	High	<b>Fire Starting and Bush Cooking:</b> Only takes place in the designated fire pit. Lighting fires is only done in suitable weather conditions. Long hair must be tied back and loose clothing/items must be out of the way. Teams will be spread apart and may be required to take turns to ensure each have adequate space away from other groups/fires. Participants and fires are closely monitored after being lit. Water tap is located nearby with hose to put out the fire at any time or use for first aid if necessary. Fires will be raked at the end of the activity/day and completely put out with water until there are no lit embers.	Unlikely	Minor	Low
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<b>People</b>  Pre-Existing Injuries and Significant Medical or Behavioural Problems	Food intolerance/allergy	Possible	Major	High	<b>Bush Cooking:</b> Relevant information is requested for participants prior to arrival at camp for the team to review and prepare for if needed. An appropriate alternative will be prepared/provided where possible, otherwise the participant will not consume anything during the activity.	Rare	Major	Low
					Other hazards are covered in the GENERAL Risk Assessment			