

FLYING FOX SPECIFIC RISKS

In conjunction with the General Overall Risks for Activities

Qualified Instructor Run Activity

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Risk	Outcome if risk occurred	Existing Risk Control Actions	Residual Risk Assessment			Group Leader Required Risk Control Actions
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
People Dangers						
Lack of Supervision and Unqualified Instruction	Injury	Must be run by an instructor qualified in High Ropes and Working Safely at Heights with WWVP Card Best Group size: 12-15 participants per group	2	4	M	Provide 2 adults – one responsible for supervising the group, this is not the instructor's job. They will be given instruction in how to assist the instructor at the bottom. The other adult will go to the top tower and help with students there.
Behavioural Issues • Don't follow the instructions • Horsing around	Injury Disappearance	Participants instructed in safe procedures, rules and expectations	3	3	M	Supervisor to ensure participants cooperate with the instructor and follow instructions Supervisor manages participants sitting on the bench seats waiting their turn and helps with the rotation process. Regular head count
Early release from platform	Hitting trolley or someone on the line causing injury	Lapel Mic radios for communication process Flags – Red and Green at bottom of flying fox Tower A-E Checklist Trolley not moved at bottom until person caught and stationary If on wire person pulled to one side and toward end of wire. Trolley moved out of the way.	1	4	M	Suitable First Aid Kit Participants use flags at the bottom to help with safety checks Participants not to move the trolley until told by instructor
Person on ground hit by person on flying fox or by catch rope if Kayaking	Concussion, Bruising, falls, hitting injury	Seats are provided for participants who are waiting their turn Flag rope that participants are not allowed to cross Other activity groups passing the flying fox path must wait until given the all clear by instructor to cross over When Kayaking is occurring Instructor must be informed of catch rope danger. Both instructors are to wear helmets and harness at the top	1	4	M	Ensure waiting participants are sitting on the seats unless they are helping with the trolley Groups doing other activities that require them to walk across the path of the flying fox must wait until given the all clear from the instructor.
Loose Harness/Helmet	Falls	Instruction in wearing of harness and helmets Harness and helmet checking process for correct fit by instructor prior to going on the flying fox	1	4	M	Supervisor shown how to do this so they can help participants as necessary with harnesses and helmets and to remove them once participants have had their turn. Helmets must remain on until the end and be worn when helping with the trolley.
Infectious Illnesses	Sickness that could lead to death	Hand Sanitiser provided at main building	2	3	M	Supervising adult to have participants sanitise their hands before leaving the building prior to activity. Limit social contact if appropriate.
Equipment Dangers						
Broken/Damaged Equipment	Injury	Regular checking and maintenance of Equipment Correct instruction so equipment does not get damaged	2	4	M	Reporting of any concerns, near misses or incidents to group leader and camp management
Trolley Stairs	Tripping, Injury	Catcher guides participant onto the trolley stairs Supervises the movement of the trolley towards and away from collection position	3	3	M	Participants can help with the moving of the trolley under the supervision of the catcher
Top Platform ladder and space by tree	Fall, injury, Foot could get stuck between tree and platform	No more than two participants are to be on the top platform at any one time and they are attached to a safety line once off the ladder	2	2	L	Supervisor to ensure that only participants with a flying fox truck (after the initial 5) go up to the platform. All others stay on the seats or are pushing the trolley

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