



Task Risk Assessment

Task: Great Crested Newt Surveys

Date: 23/08/2024

This risk assessment will be updated annually following a review or whenever further risks or control measures are identified.

Prior to the task taking place the task leader will assess the task and give a risk assessment briefing to all staff and volunteers to include use of tools, site conditions, manual handling etc.

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| PPE required to carry out this task: | Sturdy boots or wellies. Long sleeved clothing to protect against thorns is advised. |
| Training required to carry out this task: | A CL08 or CL09 licence is required to under to undertake great crested newts surveys (including bottle trapping, netting, torching, and egg searching). For more information on the type of licence required see: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/great-crested-newt-licences |
| Can this task be carried out by a lone worker: | No |
| Minimum level of first aid required to carry out this task: (EFAW, FAW, FAW+F) | Emergency First Aid 1:50 |

| HAZARD Potential Harm | PEOPLE AT RISK | EXISTING CONTROL METHODS Staff and volunteers instructed or trained to: | FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED | CORRECTIVE ACTIONS | | |
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| | | | | WHO | WHEN | COMPLETED |
| Slips/trips and falls Muscular injury, skeletal injury, drowning. | Surveyors | Take extra care on steep or uneven slopes, particularly alongside water and/or overhanging vegetation. Use a stick to probe ground conditions in thick mud or water. Carry out a daytime site visit to become familiar with potential site hazards. | | | | |
| Water borne diseases Weil's Disease (Leptospirosis), Hepatitis A. | Surveyors | Cover open wounds. Do not ingest pond water Do not enter or disturb the water surface, unless unavoidable. | | | | |

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| | | Wash hands after completion of surveying and before eating, drinking or smoking. If illness follows working near water, seek immediate medical advice. | | | | |
| Inappropriate clothing Lacerations, puncture wounds, drowning, hypothermia. | Surveyors | Wear sturdy, non-slip footwear. Wear warm, long sleeved clothing offering protection against brambles, nettles etc. | | | | |
| Deer control: Shooting taking place on site | Surveyors | Ensure no pest control is being carried out in the area prior to undertaking surveys. | | | | |
| Extreme weather conditions: Hypothermia and falling trees and branches | Surveyors | Check the weather forecast before undertaking any surveys. Do not undertake a survey if the weather forecast is unsuitable. E.g. Heavy rain and/or strong winds. Wear appropriate clothing for predicted weather. | | | | |

The task covered by this risk assessment should only be carried out by a member of staff or volunteer who is trained and authorised to do so. If you have any medical condition which might increase the likelihood of an accident or injury resulting from carrying out this task then you must discuss this with and be authorised by your line manager, before you attempt the task.

| | Assessment date | Assessor | Position |
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| Initial assessment undertaken on | 15/05/2019 | Steve Gregory | Field Ecologist |
| Review 1 completed: | 31/08/2021 | Tristan Leslie | Ranger |
| Review 2 completed: | 26/11/2024 | Tim Read | Countryside Manager |
| Review 3 completed: | | | |