



Group Visits to Hardcastle Craggs and Gibson Mill

We will do everything we can to ensure your safety, but please remember the ultimate responsibility for the conduct, safety and welfare of your group remains with you. We have prepared this hazard information sheet to help you risk assess your visit. You are strongly encouraged to make a preliminary visit (free of charge) to familiarise yourself with the site.

Possible Hazard	Control of Risk
Moving vehicles on Midgehole Road, car park area and along estate road to Gibson Mill	Warn pupils of the dangers Adults to walk at front and rear of group Keep to pavement / side of road
Slips, trips and falls	Warn pupils of the dangers Take care on slopes, steps and at water margins Remind children that paths are steep, uneven and can be slippery, particularly in wet weather
Fall of objects from height (eg rocks, branches)	Warn pupils of the dangers We carry out regular surveys of the woodland to identify dangerous trees and remove them
Crossing stepping stones Falling into water / Drowning	Warn pupils of the dangers Do not cross when water levels are high Avoid water margins (river and mill ponds)
Animals, insects, plants	You are asked not to pick any of the plants Wash hands after handling mini-beasts, leaves etc.
Sunburn Hypothermia Exposure	You are advised to bring sunscreen and a hat when working outdoors on sunny days You should wear sensible clothing and footwear appropriate to the site and the weather at all times
Contact with animal faeces	You may encounter bird and animal faeces in the woodland Warn your pupils
Fire	In the event of a fire in Gibson Mill, the alarm will sound You should escort your pupils out of the mill as directed by staff
Uneven floors in Gibson Mill	Warn pupils of the dangers
Groups or individuals getting lost	Keep all your pupils in view at all times Ensure adequate adult supervision
Incident requiring First Aid	You are advised to carry your own First Aid kit on site A First Aid kit is available at Gibson Mill