

Maranatha Recreation and Education Camp ~ Yandina

Risk Assessment – Creek Exploration

Description

Participants will be given the opportunity to learn about the native wildlife that inhabits the local environment surrounding Yandina Creek and bushlands. Participants will be tasked with spotting the wildlife while exploring the rocky creeks. The participants will finish with the opportunity to explore the waterway using boogie boards, pool noodles and other flotation devices. All participants will be wearing Pfd's for safety.

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
Physical Hazards	M	Instructors and supervisors instruct participants on the nature of the track and creek bed and to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the conditions to avoid trips, slips and falls. Instructors and supervisors emphasise that participants must move slowly and cautiously while on uneven surfaces, including rocks, uneven paths and creek beds. Instructors closely monitor the participants to avoid grazes, bruising, bumps and falls. Instructors ensure creeks and waterways haven't changed from day to day. Water levels will be monitored regularly during and after significant rainfall. The water part of the activity may be cancelled if the river level is too high. No diving or jumping into water is permitted. Participants will be educated on the danger of jumping or diving into creeks where the bottom can't be seen.
Biological Hazards	L	Ensure adequate supervision. Make group aware of the potential danger of snakes, submerged objects. Ensure participants use insect repellent. Ensure participants check for ticks/leeches afterwards. First Aider always with group. Instructors have mobile phones or UHF radio to call for assistance in emergency. First Aid room is located at the main office. Emergency vehicle access is via the main entrance. Emergency vehicles can also access the oval area if required by the entrance on the right side of the tennis court.
Group Separation	L	Group is briefed prior to starting about remaining together. One leader/supervisor to guide the group and one leader/supervisor remains at the rear of the group to provide adult supervision. Getting lost – stop, think, stay together, find last known point, retrace steps, search, or call for assistance. If anyone gets separated from the group, they are instructed to call out and stay in an obvious position until found. Once in the water, participants will be given defined boundaries to ensure group stays together. One instructor and one teacher minimum is required to accompany each group.
Personal Safety	L	Instructors create a non-threatening environment where everyone feels welcome to participate. Instructors encourage teams to support each other and guide participants through the experience. Sun Safety is to be practiced by all participants – wear hats, apply sunscreen, utilise shade wherever possible. Creek / Water shoes are highly recommended. Each participant to bring personal water bottle to avoid dehydration Instructors and supervisors monitor participants on the trails, creeks and surrounds. Instructor and/or responsible adult carries First Aid Kit and is trained in First Aid to attend to any minor injuries – falls, abrasions, insect bites
Environmental Impact	L	Instructors remind each group about minimum environmental impact practices, and ensure no rubbish is left at the site and no damage is done to the vegetation. Tracks and sitting areas are inspected and maintained free of branches and rocks, litter or other debris prior to use by a group. All hazards

Risk Priority Matrix:

E= Extreme H= High M= Moderate L= Low

Risk Assessment Date:

Oct 2025

Review Date:

Jan 2027

Version: 1.7

Short Form

Maranatha Recreation and Education Camp - Yandina

		are reported to WHSO. Instructors monitor weather conditions. Activity may be cancelled if there is high wind, heavy rain, storm or lightening. Instructors provide group with warnings if tracks / rocks are wet and/or slippery
Inclusivity Adaptations		The activity can be adapted by not going over uneven rocky sections to make the activity more accessible. The swimming part of the activity can be replaced with a pool swim if that is more suited.

Risk Priority Matrix:

E= Extreme H= High M= Moderate L= Low

Risk Assessment Date:

Oct 2025

Review Date:

Jan 2027

Version: 1.7

Short Form