

Maranatha Recreation Camp - Yandina

Risk Assessment – Giant Swing

Description

A participant – the swinger - is pulled to a maximum of 12 metres in the air by a minimum of 10 participants – the donkeys. This 'donkey' uses a 'donkey' belay technique - walking back as far as they can to the end of the runway holding a support rope, to pull the participant into the air. Using a ladder to reach the height of the attachment point, the Swinger is connected by a trained instructor to the activity via two steel tri-lock carabiners. The Swinger will also be connected to a quick release rope which they control. Once the participant reaches their desired height, they release the rope, they will pendulum swing into a clearing. The Swinger swings back and forwards numerous times before coming to a stop. The Instructor then brings out a ladder and supports the Swinger back to the ground. Climbers wear full body harnesses and helmet and are attached by 2 tri-lock carabiners to a safety wire which connected and two surrounding trees and poles. All systems are backed up with a secondary system.

Hazard	Risk	Control Measures
Physical & Equipment Hazards	M	Instructors and responsible adults monitor and supervise activity and designate out of bounds areas. Group stays in designated area when waiting their turns. Harness equipped with 2 tri lock carabiners and locked. All guy wires and safety lines were initially installed by Caldera Dynamics to Industry Standards and are currently inspected and maintained by Project Adventures. Our Safety Equipment is supplied by Equipped Outdoors and are in line with Industry Standards. Clear briefing instruction and demonstration of correct technique for donkey belay is explained to the group. Instructor/s monitor safe practices by all participants. Instructor/s assist/coach participants with technique and assist/supervise belayers. Instructor supervises and supports the Swinger on to and off the ladder, ensuring the ladder is removed before the Swinger is pulled back by donkey belay. All instructors are competent in rescue procedures. Sun Safety practiced. Helmets worn at all times by Swingers and participants in the safety zone. Safe areas are designated. Movement to and from safe areas is supervised. Instructor to check all aspects of the safety equipment and rigging prior to every session.
Biological Hazards	L	Ensure adequate supervision. Ensure participants use insect repellent. Ensure participants check for ticks afterwards. First Aider always with group with First Aid kit. Instructors have mobile phones or UHF radios to call for assistance in emergency. First Aid room is located at the camp adjacent to the main dining room
Personal Safety	M	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. Instructors and supervising adults ensure all personal safety equipment is fitted correctly to avoid pinching or severe discomfort. Instructors request participants to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to minimise discomfort caused by harnesses. Instructors conduct safety checks on each participant to ensure all carabiner screw gates are locked and harnesses and helmets individually adjusted and safely buckled (supervising responsible adults may also help with safety checks). All personal protective equipment is inspected regularly and prior to use. Equipment is replaced well within manufacturers specifications and/or upon any sign of significant wear to minimise equipment failure
Environment 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.

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	<p>Arborist inspects tree health of the surrounding trees annually and provides a written report. Hazards identified through this process are rectified or minimised. WHSO regularly visually inspects surrounding trees and remove any branches deemed a hazard. 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 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 or ropes or ladders are wet and/or slippery.</p>
<p>Inclusivity Adaptations</p>	<p>The Giant Swing can be inclusive for a variety of abilities and needs. All participants wear full body harnesses on the Giant Swing. This type of harness accommodates a wide variety of needs and abilities. The instructor can set up a haul system to allow wheelchair participants to be raised safely on to the Giant Swing. Wheelchair access to the oval is via a ramp and is over flat even ground.</p>

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