

RISK ASSESSMENT

Cumbria Wildlife Trust



Date:	January 2025	Reserve:	Latterbarrow
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Additional Information:	Access point at gate: SD 4408 8270. Turn off A590 for Halecat and turn left after Derby Arms (post code for Derby Arms LA11 6RH)
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General Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Task Specific <input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisory Arrangements:	Contact Reserves Officer [t] 01539 816220
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First Aid Arrangements:	See below for access	Nearest Emergency Department:	Furness General Hospital, LA14 4LF 01229 870870
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Assessed By (Name & Position)	Scott Petrek, Reserves Officer	Approved By: (Name & Position)	Joe Murphy, Head of Reserves	Review Date:	January 2026
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Likelihood	Severity					Severity Rating 5 = Fatality 4 = Serious Injury (hospitalisation) 3 = Moderate Injury 2 = Minor Injury 1 = Trivial Injury or minor cuts Likelihood Rating 5 = Extremely Likely 4 = Probable 3 = Occasional 2 = Remote 1 = Very Remote <i>Under Risk Rating column use S=Severity, L=Likelihood, RR=Risk Rating (S x L)</i>	<div style="background-color: red; height: 20px; width: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 16 – 25 = Unacceptable, high level of risk, immediate controls required to reduce risk or stop work activity.		
		5	4	3	2			1	<div style="background-color: orange; height: 20px; width: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 10 – 15 = Undesirable, medium level of risk, further action required to reduce risk, if reasonably practicable.
	5	25	20	15	10			5	
	4	20	16	12	8			4	
	3	15	12	9	6			3	
2	10	8	6	4	2	<div style="background-color: yellow; height: 20px; width: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 3 – 9 = Low risk, risk should be managed appropriately and reduced where reasonably practicable.			
1	5	4	3	2	1		<div style="background-color: yellow; height: 20px; width: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 1 – 2 = Extremely low risk, risk level to be maintained or reduced where reasonably practicable.		

Task or event specific risk assessments are to be produced for staff and volunteers working on the reserve, or external leaders visiting the nature reserve, and may include additional control measures from the site specific hazards listed below.

Contractors working on the reserve are to produce their own task specific risk assessments and/or method statements for all work carried out.

Hazard	People/Items at Risk	Details	Risk Rating			Control Measures	Risk Rating			Long Term / Future Controls	Timescale/ Review
			S	L	RR		S	L	RR		
Uneven surfaces and steep slopes	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors	Injury from slips, trips and falls Steep slopes near western boundary (see map), including small scree-slopes and other areas of reserve covered by limestone pavements	5	3	15	Waymarked routes around reserve encouraging access via least hazardous areas. Task specific risk assessments in place for staff and volunteers working in more hazardous areas.	5	1	5	Risk reduced as much as practicable	N/A
Injury from falling trees or branches	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors Vehicles Livestock	Numerous waymarked routes around reserve pass through wooded areas or near prominent lone trees Woodland management tasks undertaken by staff and volunteers Trees along roadside are not part of the reserve	5	3	15	Tree Safety Surveys carried out per Trust procedure and issues addressed promptly. Reserve zoned according to risk, high-risk trees or areas inspected annually. Dangerous trees to be made safe, and/or area cordoned off if work delayed. Task specific risk assessments in place for staff and volunteers working in hazardous areas.	5	2	10	Risk reduced as much as practicable. Continue Tree Safety Surveys per Trust procedure and address issues promptly.	Annually
Injurious insects (including ticks)	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors	Ticks present in all areas of the reserve. Wasps, hornets and bees may nest in locations close to waymarked paths	5	2	10	Monitor for wasp, hornet and bee nests in problematic locations and cordon off if hazardous to people. Erect 'Tick Aware' signs at the reserve entrance to inform visitors of hazard.	5	1	5	Risk reduced as much as practicable. Maintain signage.	N/A
Grazing horses and ponies	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors	Horses and ponies grazing the reserve, access to all areas. Risk of escape if gates left open. Risk of injury to people, illness from contact with animal waste, collision with vehicles if animals escape. Bridleway running through reserve. Injury to riders from interactions between horses and ponies	4	2	16	Erect signage at entrance to inform visitors of grazing livestock – specifically horses and ponies. Gate closing signs also erected. Only animals with a suitable temperament to graze on the reserve. Maintain gates and closing springs in working order. Check and maintain boundaries to be stock-proof.	4	1	4	Risk reduced as much as practicable	N/A

Accidental injury to other people not participating in reserve management tasks	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors	Injuries from direct contact with reserve management tasks (ie. machinery, tree felling, debris etc.) Injuries from hazards remaining after staff and volunteers have left the reserve	5	2	10	Task specific risk assessments in place including public protection and leaving work areas safe before staff and volunteers leave site. Visitors can be expected to be present on reserve during daylight hours on every day. Work areas to be cordoned off or controlled by 'banks-man' staff or volunteer to control access of visitors to work area.	5	1	5	Risk reduced as much as practicable	N/A
Poor weather conditions	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors	Injury or illness from exposure to poor weather (ie. heat, cold, rain etc.). Injury from slippery surfaces in wet or icy conditions. Injury from falling branches and trees in windy weather	5	3	15	Task specific risk assessments for staff and volunteers working on the reserve covering control measures for this hazard. Reasonable presumption visitors will not be on reserve during wet and windy weather. Tree Safety Surveys carried out per Trust procedure and issues addressed promptly to reduce risk during windy weather.	5	1	5	Risk reduced as much as practicable	N/A
Electricity lines (see map)	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors	Electrocution caused by contact with overhead power lines	5	1	5	Restrictions are in place for working or felling trees near to power lines. No trees should be felled within two and a half tree lengths of these lines. <i>United Utilities Emergency Contact: 0800 195 4141 (24 hour)</i>	5	1	5	Risk reduced as much as practicable	N/A
Reserve infrastructure (benches, interpretation boards, stiles, gates, steps etc.)	Visitors Staff Volunteers Contractors	Injury resulting from poor condition and maintenance of infrastructure provided on the reserve.	3	2	6	Access Safety Surveys to be carried out per Trust procedures, with issues arising dealt with promptly by cordoning off problems, repair or replacement of features.	3	2	6	Risk reduced as much as practicable	N/A

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Mobile phone coverage: Good coverage (Ofcom mobile coverage checker: Derby Arms post code LA11 6RH, and map)

The reserve is easily accessible to emergency vehicles to the main gate, but vehicle access is limited to 4x4 (not all areas) or on foot only from here.

Assessors Signature:



Approval Signature:



