Assault Course Risk Assessment - Green Beret 2026

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Name of activity, event, and location	**Nets & Tunnels – Assault Course - 14th November 2026** **Hertfordshire Scout Activity Centres- Tolmers Activity Centre**	**Date of risk assessment**	**13th November 2026**	**Name of person doing this risk assessment**	**Jack Mawhinney** **Course Manager** **Reviewed by:** **Doug Stack** **ACM HCSC** **Katy Pearce** **EM HCSC**
		Date of next review	**1st November 2027**		

Hazard - what could go wrong?	Who is at risk?	Assessment of risk	Control measures in place	Remaining risk using control measures
Tripping or slipping entering/exiting net or tunnel	Participants	Medium	• Ground checked for debris and even surface. • Participants instructed to move carefully and not run. • Base Team supervises entry and exit points closely.	Low
Entrapment under net or inside tunnel	Participants	High	• Participants briefed to keep moving and avoid stopping. • Only one participant in each tunnel at a time. • Nets secured with no snag points. • Leader positioned to monitor continuously. • Head down going through the nets	Low
Claustrophobia / panic inside tunnel / tunnel too narrow	Participants	Medium	• Activity explained clearly before start. • Participants allowed to opt out. • Base Team ready to assist and reassure. • Tunnels short enough to not warrant claustrophobia • If tunnel too narrow, allow someone else to go through	Low
Walking on top of tunnel causing collapse or fall	Participants	High	• Tunnel structure assessed for load bearing suitability. • Only one person allowed on top at a time. • Tunnel top marked clearly if safe area is defined. • If tunnel is not structurally load-bearing, walking on top is NOT permitted. • Leader supervises closely and controls spacing.	Medium
Fall from top of tunnel onto ground	Participants	Medium	• Soft or level ground used around tunnel. • Tunnel height kept as low as practical. • Participants reminded not to jump or run.	Low
Knee, elbow, chest or hand scrapes	Participants	Medium	• Area set on grass/soft ground. • Participants must wear long sleeves/trousers. • Advise to crawl on hands and knees, not full body crawls. • First aid kit accessible.	Low

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Net or tunnel structural failure	Participants	Medium	• Equipment inspected prior to activity. • Nets pegged and tensioned securely. • Tunnel checked for stability and internal clearance. • Damaged equipment removed immediately.	Low
Ground wear / erosion creating ruts, mud or exposed roots (trip/slip and environmental impact)	Participants & Site	Medium	• Rotate entry/exit points and route regularly to spread wear. • Monitor ground carefully and every 30 minutes • Suspend activity in prolonged wet conditions to prevent churn. • Set up a reserve course ready to go in case of needing it.	Low

Note: This risk assessment is intended only as a guide and is supplementary to the main Assault Course and the HCSC main Green Beret Risk Assessment.

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Time	7-7:30am	7:30-8am	8-8:30am	8:30-9am	9-9:30am	9:30-10am	10:30-11am	11-11:30am	11:30-12pm
Any comments?									
Base leader sign off									
Assault course manager sign off									

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Time	12-12:30pm	12:30-1pm	1-1:30pm	1:30-2pm	2-2:30pm	2:30-3pm	3-3:30pm	3:30-4pm	4-4:30pm	4:30-5pm
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