

Risk Assessment Template for Llyn Gwynant Campsite

Llyn Gwynant Campsite is a public campsite with toilet and shower facilities, that is often used by members of the public and by groups as a base for adventure activities. The campsite is accessed via the A498 road heading north from Beddgelert and lies beside Llyn Gwynant, with the Afon river also forming one boundary. The site is close to Snowdon, with many adventure activities available within walking distance, for example water sports such as kayaking and windsurfing, mountain walking and rock climbing.

The location of the site in the mountains and close to the water, mean that an element of risk for all campers is unavoidable. However the Llyn Gwynant Campsite management seek to reduce the risk by providing their own site specific risk assessment that can encourage members of the public and adventure activity providers to reduce these risks. We provide the template below only as a guide, and expect that each group will assess their own risks.

Hazards:	Control measures required	Explanatory Notes on Hazard
General		
Injury from traffic accident on sharp corner to access road off A498	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the campsite only by turning left as you head uphill, do not turn right off the main road. If coming down hill proceed to first layby and turn around there before heading uphill • Leaving the campsite only turn right down hill, i.e. do not attempt to turn left from the site onto the A498 	The campsite is accessed on a sharp left hand turn as you travel uphill away from Beddgelert. This corner is dangerous, and requires special care, especially for minibuses, caravans and trucks.
Hypothermia particularly that induced by sudden cold wet weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecasts in advance of all activities • Ensure all participants have appropriate clothing and other equipment, including weather proof tents 	In mountain locations weather can change suddenly Northerly winds are particularly hypothermic and dangerous The mountain weather forecast is placed on notice boards in the mens and ladies toilets by 8.30am each morning during the camping season

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General Hazards contd:	Control measures required	Explanatory Notes on Hazard
Injury resulting from campsite flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecasts daily during stay • When extreme weather is forecast take care that tents are sited away from river and on sheltered higher ground, or that other arrangements made (e.g. renting the barns) 	<p>In wet weather parts of the campsite near the river can be flooded, and in heavy rain the river level can quickly rise to cover the adjacent bank</p>
Infection from contact with wild animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careful hygiene is required to ensure that hands and all cooking and eating utensils are clean, and that unnoticed contact with wild animal excrement does not lead to infection. • Use toilet and dishwashing facilities available at the campsite • Drink only water labeled as suited for drinking • Do not drink water directly from the lake or river 	<p>Rabbits, goats, stoats, badgers are all known to frequent the area, and Gwynedd Council advises that infection can result where campers are not careful with hygiene. Farm animals including sheep, cattle and dogs do occasionally range over the campsite and can also be sources of infection</p>
Burning from fire, especially from campfires or camp cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the advertised distances required between tents (6m between groups, 3m between tents within one group) • Use campfires with care, ensuring they do not get close to inflammable material and are not too large • Do not attempt a campfire during extremely windy conditions • Site camp cooking facilities carefully, ensuring they are steady and are away from inflammable material • Note the site of fire points near your camp 	<p>Campfires are allowed on site providing they are only made from wood bought on site and are used on one of our steel fireboxes. This is a great attraction of the site, but all campers must be aware of the dangers inherent in having fires outdoors, near their tents and other camping accommodation and equipment. Firepoints are bright red and sited around the camping area. Inside are fire extinguishers.</p>

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Falling injuries in dark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all group members have personal lights for use at night 	There is minimal lighting on the campsite, and only near the toilet block. Rough ground is therefore a hazard at night.
Cuts from equipment, machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on avoiding touching machinery, including farm and roading machinery, firepits. • Check fields for hazards prior to setting up. 	Occasionally farm equipment and maintenance machinery may be on the campsite including tractors, JCB, dumper and mowers. On no account should children be allowed to play on such machinery
Cuts from barbed wire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief on avoidance • Check tree plantations near setting up area 	Most barbed wire has been collected and replaced with plain wire but some may still be present in certain areas.
Water based activities		
Hazards:	Control measures	Notes
Drowning or injury in lake or river	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All swimming and waterbased activities must be supervised closely by appropriately trained staff. • Clear briefing to staff and clear instructions to participants that unsupervised activities are not allowed. • First aid 	The close proximity of the lake and the river make the danger of drowning very real. Cold water temperatures in the mountain fed river means that someone accidentally falling into the river can suffer cold shock and be unable to help themselves. The lake is generally several degrees warmer than the river.
Injury from being caught in river turbulence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid the up-river area near the bridge for all water based activities. • Brief instructors to use these areas only with great care 	A hydro scheme upstream of the campsite releases water periodically and without warning into the river. This requires particular care and can result in wave effect up to 1 ft high coming down the river.

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<p>Injury from jumping or climbing Elephant rock – including Injuries from falling or being jumped on from a considerable height.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterbased activities in the lake near Elephant Rock require particularly close supervision • Briefing and instruction should include especial mention of the dangers of jumping from the height of Elephant Rock. 	<p>Elephant rock is a rocky outcrop on the shore of the lake, about one third of the way down the lake on the shore opposite the road. Young people especially find this an irresistible place to scramble and to jump from into the lake. There are obvious dangers from this behaviour including injury while scrambling or jumping, and injuries from being jumped on.</p>
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Emergency Procedures		
<p>First aid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first aid kit is kept at Reception at Llyn Gwynant campsite and at Hafod Lwyfog farmhouse up the A498 road 	<p>The reception building is not always open, i.e. it is not always staffed.</p>
<p>Emergency Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The campsite has no mobile phone coverage • The nearest landline is a public telephone is sited outside the Reception building and a phone connection is available at the barns by arrangement • The campsite management can be contacted via phone on 01766 890340. If they are not at the campsite they are physically located at Hafod Lwyfog farmhouse, a few hundred metres from the campsite, the first driveway on the right up the hill on the A498. • Important numbers are as follows: Doctor: Llanberis Surgery (<i>approx 10 miles from the campsite</i>) Cae Heti, Llanberis, Gwynedd LL55 4SU 	<p>The public phone is available at all times as it is sited outside of the building.</p> <p>Where emergency helicopters are called, the no vehicle field at the back of the site may be the most suitable landing place, or else on the shore of the lake.</p>

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	Phone: 01286 870634 Hospital (24 hour A&E service) Ysbyty Gwynedd (<i>approx 25 miles, or 45 minutes by car</i>) Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2PW Phone: 01248 384384	
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Please note that this risk assessment template is an aid only, and is certainly not provided as a full risk assessment for the Llyn Gwynant Campsite. You must identify other risks which are associated with your own planned activities and the age groups for example that you cater for. Llyn Gwynant Campsite management will not be held responsible for any injury that results from the lack of additional risk assessment material.