

Bears Wood Scout Campsite

Conditions of use – operating procedures

Barrel Carts



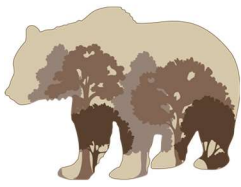
Introduction

Barrel Carts sessions at Bears Wood are run using our pioneering equipment adjacent to site 15.

This is a 'self-led' activity, therefore please ensure you read, understand & sign the related 'Conditions of Use' before starting the session. It will then be your responsibility to ensure the session is run in as safe a manner as possible, including managing your participants behaviour throughout.

Minimum Age: 8 years old

Most appropriate for: 8+



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Conditions of Use (CoU)

Maximum Weight: N/A

Ratio: 1:12

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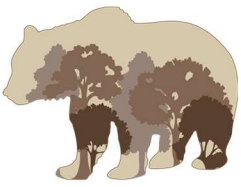
Session Length: 60 minutes

Minimum Age: 8 years old

Minimum Training/ Qualification Requirements

Signed CoU + 18 years old or over.

<p>Pre-Use Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check that you have all the correct equipment – see the list.• Area where Barrel Carts are to be constructed and ridden is tidy and free from hazards.• The Barrel Carts and associated equipment are in good repair & fit for purpose.• Check that the wooden circles that hold the axels at either end of each barrel are securely fixed to the barrel• Check that the poles are all sturdy and show no signs of cracking, rotting or other weakness.• Check poles for any risks of splinters.	<p>Post-Use Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Barrel Carts and associated equipment remains in good repair & fit for purpose. (see pre-use checks)• The equipment is free from excess mud.• Area where Barrel Carts are to be constructed and ridden is tidy and free from hazards.
<p>Set Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out pre-use checks.• Ensure you have a first aid kit to hand	<p>Pack Down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out post-use checks.• All ropes to be hanked up properly.• Poles to be put back in the pioneering store in the correct places.• Ropes to be put back in to crates and returned to the pioneering store.• Pioneering store to be locked and the key returned to the warden.• Barrels to be returned to their storage place.• Check area for any rubbish



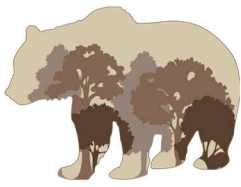
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Key Safety Points

- This activity must always be supervised. It should only be used for a booked session.
- Ensure that participants have no injuries or conditions that will be affected by the activity.
- Participants to wear appropriate closed toe footwear.
- Activity leader to guide construction as required.
- Activity leader to check construction before participants are allowed to move or mount the buggy.
- Activity leader to check the following points:
 - Lashings are tight and secure.
 - barrels are secure on the poles.
 - Frame does not twist if pushed.
 - Excess ropes tied away and not trailing.
 - “pulling” rope of suitable length and securely attached.
- Maximum of two people on the cart when being pulled.
- Helmets to be worn correctly fastened whilst on cart (see diagram at the end of the Risk Assessment)
- It’s a race but keep to safe speed for rider.
- Young people instructed to immediately and safely dismount the cart if told to do so by leader in charge, e.g. if the cart shows signs of being structurally unsafe.
- Please have your own first aid kit available.



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BEARS WOOD BARREL CARTS – USER INSTRUCTIONS

THIS ACTIVITY MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT LEADERS

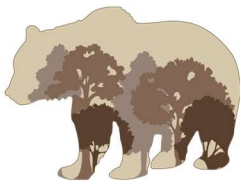
Please read the risk assessment carefully

Kit required for each cart

- 2 x 3.7 meter poles
- 4 x 3 metre poles
- 8 x lashing ropes
- 2 barrels
- 1 long pulling rope (or 2 lashing ropes)
- 2 helmets for riders

1. This is a pioneering project where the young people will build the barrel cart using the equipment provided.
2. Refer to the photograph above which shows a completed barrel cart.
3. The cart is constructed by square lashing the poles as shown.
4. The 2 barrels should have a shorter pole inserted through the holes of the wooden circles at either end to form an axel.
5. Lash the 2 axels to the 2 longer poles using very tight square lashings.
6. Lash the 2 other shorter poles to the framework (as shown in the photo) to form the seat (this should be lashed on top of the 2 long poles) and the footrest (this should be lashed beneath the 2 long poles). You'll need to experiment with the distance between these poles so that it suits the average size of the participants – they should all be able to sit on the back pole and rest their feet on the front pole. Again, use very tight square lashings.
7. Attach a suitable pulling rope to the front of the cart – but ensuring that it doesn't get caught up with the wheels.
8. Check the cart is safely constructed before allowing it to be ridden.
9. The cart should be pulled by the rest of the young people.
10. Supervise very closely and be prepared to stop the race if there's any safety issues.
11. Please take extra care when the equipment or ground is wet, muddy or damp.

Afterwards undo the cart and pack and stow all equipment tidily back in the pioneering store. Check that you have all the equipment put away.



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I have been provided with and have read the risk assessment for this activity.

I have read, understood, & agree to abide by the Conditions of Use for the Barrel Carts, as detailed above.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Group/ Unit/ Organisation: _____

Date: _____ **Booking Ref:** _____