

Risk Assessment – Rock Jumps

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The purpose of this risk assessment is to help identify hazards associated with this activity and to evaluate the risks to determine what measures should be taken to protect the health and safety of guests, Adventure Ardeche staff and members of the public.

Location: Ardeche River (Salavas to St Martin d’Ardeche).

Description of Activity

This activity involves jumping from specific identified rocks (see below) into water and should be used in conjunction with the River Kayaking / Canoeing Risk Assessment.

Permitted Rock Jumps are: Le Batts / Black Tooth / Gaud / Gornier / Cable Corner.

In addition to this smaller jumps of no more than 1 metre in height may be used at River Leader discretion.

Rock jumps are to be thoroughly inspected for hazards at the start of the season and after any significant rise in water levels. In addition to this the River Leader should carry out an additional inspection each time a rock jump is used.

All AA Staff to receive training and be assessed on organizing and running / assisting rock jumps.

Staff: Student ratio not to exceed 1:8 (including visiting teachers / responsible adults).

Hazard Assessment Checklist

Nature of Hazard	Severity H / M / L	Person(s) at risk	Risk Control
<p>Impact Injuries</p> <p>Specific Dangers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrectly entering water. • Hitting other people in the water. • Hitting other boats / paddles. • Hitting rocks / river-bed. • Hitting other objects in water. • Shock caused by entering cold water or impacting on water. 	Med	Guests / AA Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Leader to assign specific roles to AA Staff. • AA Staff to ensure guests are briefed as to how to jump (body position) and where to jump (water entry point). • Guests only allowed to jump when told to by AA Staff member (responsible for ensuring previous jumper has cleared the water and area free from other users). • AA Staff to constantly monitor other boats and people in the water. • Safety kayak to be in position to help any jumper who is in difficulty in water. • AA Staff to ensure same level of control / safety is maintained while they are jumping.
<p>Rocks / Trees / Debris and Other Under Water Obstructions</p> <p>Specific Dangers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowning • Entrapment / 	Med	Guests / AA Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE buoyancy aid / helmet to be worn at all times. • Before any rock jump session the River Leader or appointed person should check the landing area is free of hazards.

Entanglement			
<p>Uneven / rough terrain on riverbank / paths used to access rock jump.</p> <p>Specific dangers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injuries caused by slips, trips and falls. 	Med	Guests / AA Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AA Staff to ensure correct footwear is worn and laces properly tied. AA Staff to point out specific dangers (eg, slippery rocks). AA Staff to make sure guests use correct paths. AA Staff to spot guests if necessary