



# Assault Course



Our main assault course offers various elements requiring either strength, balance or a combination of the two. It is an excellent activity for promoting teamwork in your group. This is a Group Leader Supervised activity - a responsible adult must be present at all times while this activity is being used.

For our younger visitors, we have the Beaver Playground with smaller but still challenging obstacles.

## General Guidance for Use

Although this activity is self-supervised by the group, here are a few guidelines its use. Exactly how you run your session will depend on the participants.

- Participants (adults and young people) should arrive appropriately dressed for the activity. This means:
  - Any long hair tied back
  - "flappy" or "dangly" parts of clothing tucked away
  - Pockets empty of any sharp or bulky items (eg mobile phones)
  - Sturdy boots or trainers must be worn to complete this activity
- No more than 2 participants on any of the individual element at the same time. Depending on the element and the participants, it may be necessary (at the group leader's discretion) to reduce this down to 1 participant at a time on certain elements.
- Adult supervision is required at all times.

Access to the main assault course is via the double gates to the west of the abseil tower.

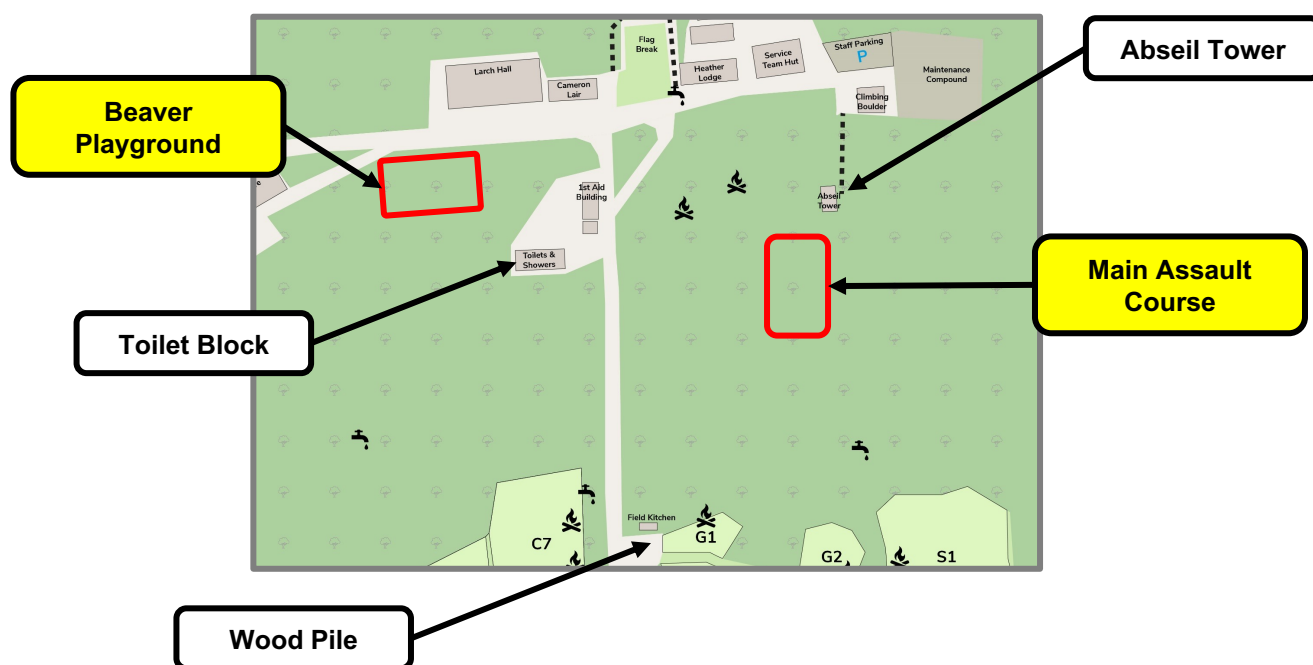
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## Location on Site

Our main assault course is located in the woods, between the Abseil Tower and the Scout Field.

The beaver playground is located in the woods opposite Larch Hall, next to the Bemrose Centre.



## Risk Assessments

Although the courses are checked throughout the year by the site services team, it is the responsibility of the group leader supervising the activity to check the assault course prior to use and decide whether it is an appropriate facility for their participants to use. Any problems / faults with the assault course must be reported to site services.

Please note the following points, when completing your risk assessment:

- The assault courses are both built in wooded areas. Uneven ground, exposed tree roots and tree stumps present slip / trip hazards to participants and observers.
- The risk of slips and trips on some of the obstacles is much higher when the course is wet - weather conditions must be considered when assessing whether the course is suitable for use by the participating members of your group.
- Many of the obstacles can be overcome by participants working together, however having too many participants on each obstacle element at a time also increases the risk of slips/trips/falls. We therefore recommend that no more than 2 participants are on any individual obstacle element at a time.
- We recommend that participants have a 'spotter' when attempting obstacles.

**Please Note:** We do not provide risk assessments for the running of the assault course, as this is a group lead activity. Our site risk assessments for our assault courses are for maintenance of the facility.