



## **Activity Info: Pioneering**

Our pioneering store contains everything you need for medium to large projects, including poles, ropes, nets etc. The activity can be run on the lawn in front of Heather Lodge, which is conveniently located right next to the equipment store.

This is a group leader supervised activity. There must be a suitable adult leader supervising this activity at all times. It is your group's responsibility to appropriately risk assess what ever structure you wish to build with your group, and to assess the abilities of the members of your group.

### **Things to be aware of to help you write your risk assessment:**

- Some of the poles in our store are very large, and heavy. Good manual handling practise, as described in the Scouts Safety Training should be observed. It is the group leader's responsibility to ensure that the members of the group undertaking this activity are aware of this.
- Our equipment is subject to a yearly check by the Service Team. If you find any equipment which you feel is not suitable, or is damaged, please do not use it and report this to a member of the on-duty Service Team immediately.
- For certain structures, it may be necessary to provide members of your group with appropriate PPE (such as gloves) to avoid crush injuries to fingers and hands. This should be addressed in your activity risk assessment.

### **Additional measures, to prevent the spread of COVID-19:**

- The pioneering equipment is to use carried to and used in the allocated area only, and not taken to other parts of the site.
- Only 1 adult at a time is allowed in the storage container (where the ropes are kept).
- Any ropes which have been used are to be hung up in the container after use, to allow air flow around them.
- Groups should provide hand sanitiser for their group to use before they start and after they finish the activity.
- All group members should observe social distancing wherever possible. If necessary, groups should provide face shields for their members if social distancing is not possible. This should be addressed in your activity risk assessment.