



The Beaudesert Trust

Providing adventure for young people & conserving Beaudesert Park

Safety of self-led activities Policy

Authors Jeremy Cotton Approved by Exec TBC June 2025

The Self-led activities policy was originally approved by the Executive in September 2022, and then redrafted and adopted by the Executive in June 2025.

Beaudesert has a duty to ensure that all activities on our site are safe; and we discharge this duty in two ways:

1. We require that all activities are assessed for safety before they commence;
2. If we become aware that an activity is demonstrably unsafe, we have a duty to stop it immediately.

Beaudesert is open to all groups of young people to come and visit and enjoy the open natural environment of our activity centre. Visiting groups entertain their own youngsters with activities, and Beaudesert encourages and supports this. All activities self-led by a group must be carried out in a safe manner and the group is responsible for this, including training of leaders, completing risk assessments, and providing insurance.

Beaudesert provides a wide range of adventurous activities and we encourage groups to use our facilities and instructors. Our facilities and equipment are inspected by qualified Assessors, and our Instructors are trained and assessed to national governing body standards.

The activities a group can provide for themselves are wide and varied and details of some are outlined below. All activities that are adventurous can only be set up and assessed for safety by the Beaudesert team and its safety advisors; this will include all activities where people are more than 6 feet off the ground. The arrangements for such as activity should be made in sufficient time for our Safety Assessor to attend and assess arrangements, usually a minimum of 4 weeks ahead, and the cost of this assessment will be borne by the visiting group.

For this policy, Adventurous activities include all high rope or climbing activities where a person is belayed to a rope or more than 6 feet off the ground: this include aerial runways and zip wires, climbing trees, crate stacking, monkey trees and Jacob's ladder; and pioneering activities such as rope bridges only where the person is more than 6 feet off the ground. It includes all water activities on our water. It includes all activities in our caving facility, grass sledging, and tomahawks or axe throwing.

Self-led activities

Soft Archery

1. Soft archery may only be carried out on one of our archery ranges with the appropriate range only fee being paid.

**Beaudesert Park,
Cannock Wood,
Rugeley,
Staffordshire.**

WS15 4JJ



Charity number 522603

**The King George V Memorial Scout
and Guide Recreational lands
known as The Beaudesert Trust.**

www.beaudesert.org

01543 682278

Chairman@beaudesert.org.uk



The Beaudesert Trust

Providing adventure for young people & conserving Beaudesert Park

2. Soft archery must be supervised by a competent adult who has undergone training and provides Beaudesert with evidence of this training. (This could be an in house course by their organisation, it doesn't have to be a full Archery GB instructor qualification).
3. The competent adult must be present and supervising at all times the group runs the activity.
4. We do not provide the equipment other than the range.

Archery, Rifle Shooting

1. May only be performed in our ranges, with the appropriate range only fee being paid.
2. Must be supervised by a competent adult who has undergone training and provides Beaudesert with evidence of the NGB qualification for the activity.
3. The competent adult must be present and supervising at all times the group runs the activity.
4. We do not provide the equipment other than the range.

Pioneering and Aerial runways

May be set up using our pioneering poles, or the groups own equipment, by an adult who has provided a copy of the appropriate authorisation by their own organisation and a reasonable risk assessment.

No person may go more than 6 feet off the ground during these activities.

Self-led activities not allowed

Tomahawks

Self-led tomahawks is not allowed in any format. We do not hire our tomahawk ranges out for self-led sessions and temporary ranges are not allowed.

Slacklining

We do not allow the use of slacklining on our site.

Beaudesert Park,
Cannock Wood,
Rugeley,
Staffordshire.

WS15 4JJ



Charity number 522603

The King George V Memorial Scout
and Guide Recreational lands
known as The Beaudesert Trust.

www.beaudesert.org

01543 682278

Chairman@beaudesert.org.uk