

Cleeve Quarry, Plunder St. Risk Assessment

Introduction

In 1855, known as Burnt House Quarry, it was divided into two parts, the west, known as 'Old Quarry', and the east as 'Parish Quarry'. 19th century documentation details a parcel of common land on Cleeve Hill for public stone and gravel pits to be used by the surveyors of the highways for making, amending and repairing within the parishes of Yatton and Kenn. Since the early 1920s, the 'Old Quarry' had been used as a swimming pool, however, its use was discontinued c. 1925. On 1st June 1968 the land renamed as Cleeve Quarry was registered as common land. After a hearing in 1972, there was no evidence of ownership and Cleeve Parish Council were named protectors.

Cleeve Parish Council firmly adopts the strategy within 'Managing Safety in the Countryside Principles and Practice' when considering its approach to land use and access. It is not practical, or even possible, to provide visitors with risk-free environments. We must do all that is reasonably practicable to create a safe environment. A safe environment can be defined as one where the level of risk is broadly acceptable to both the visitor and society at large.

Under the *Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW)* you have a statutory right to walk freely across the quarry. There is **NO STATUTORY ACCESS** for cyclists on the common land.

CAMPING/OVERNIGHT CAMPING, BONFIRES, CAMPFIRES AND BARBEQUES ARE NOT PERMITTED

ACTIVITY	RISK	RISK LEVEL BEFORE CONTROL MEASURES	WHO IS AT RISK?	MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF RISK	FINAL RISK LEVEL
ORGANISED ROCK CLIMBING	INJURY CAUSED BY FALLING	LOW RISK	AMATEUR ROCK CLIMBERS/ INSTRUCTORS	CLIMBERS ACCEPT RISKS BY DOING THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY INJURIES OCCURRING DURING AN ORGANISED ACTIVITY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INSTRUCTOR/ORGANISATION	LOW RISK
INFORMAL RECREATION	INJURY CAUSED BY FALLING	HIGH RISK	MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC	CLIMBERS ACCEPT RISKS BY DOING THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY SIGNS STATING POTENTIAL RISKS INFORMING	MEDIUM RISK

				PARENTS/CARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE CARE AND SUPERVISION	
CHALICE ROCKS (BOULDERS)	INJURY CAUSED BY FALLING	MEDIUM RISK	MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC	SIGNS STATING POTENTIAL RISKS WILL BE DISPLAYED INFORMING PARENTS/CARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE CARE AND SUPERVISION	LOW RISK
SITTING BENEATH ROCKFACE	INJURY CAUSED BY ROCK FALL	LOW RISK	MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC	SIGNS STATING 'DO NOT SIT BENEATH THE CLIFF FACE'	LOW RISK
STEEP SLOPE	INJURY CAUSED BY TRIPPING/ SLIPPING	LOW RISK	MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC	RISKS WILLINGLY ACCEPTED BY VISITORS: See Occupiers Liability Act 1957 EX. A walker going down a steep slope knew what he was doing was inherently risky; his accident was a result of his own misjudgment. (VSCG.org.uk)	LOW RISK
NATURAL HAZARDS INC. ASH TREE WITH ASH DIEBACK ABOVE QUARRY DEEP WATER	INJURY CAUSED BY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FALLING BRANCHES • DISTURBING WASP NESTS • ROUTES BURIED BY SNOW • MUD • SLIPPING ON ICE • FLOODING • DROWNING 	LOW RISK	MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC	RISKS WILLINGLY ACCEPTED BY VISITORS See Occupiers Liability Act 1957	LOW RISK

POR: 1957 Occupiers Liability Act, Managing Visitor Safety in the Countryside Practices and Principles, Countryside Right to Roam Act 2000, www.hse.gov.uk/quarries/country.htm, safequarry.com, thebmc.co.uk, outdoorrecreation.org.uk, Yatton Local History Society

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TO BE REVIEWED TWICE A YEAR IN MARCH AND OCTOBER