

Activity 31		Okupata Cave		Location		Pukehinau Road - BH34 180755		Updated By - L. Middleton	
Activity Description		Cave exploration or initiative activities within mapped area of cave. No rope work as standard.		Camping		Pokaka Mill, Pukehinau Rd end		Toilets	
						Yes		Water	
								Yes, Boil if concerned	
Emergency Response		CMS – use high water exit in any flooding event – preplan for evacuation for DM		Access Permission Required?		Yes – DOC concession limits clients to 5000 per year and max of 30 in cave at one time. Coordinate with other groups and DM. Concession limit of 250 vehicle movements per year on John MacDonald and Pukehinau Road.			
Hazard/Evacuation maps		Local River Catchment Map.		Instructor requirements		L1 Cave Competency			
Specific Equipment Required				Specific Policies		DM to authorise access immediately prior to entering, and be informed upon exiting cave Additional authorisation required from DM for access into <i>Upstream Area</i> or below <i>Knee Deep Pool</i>			
Other Resources and notes		QDrive:\\05.Programme Resources\Caving\Okupata\Okupata Resource Book QDrive:\\05.Programme Resources\Caving\Okupata\Main Cave and Downstream Areas							
Previous Incidents		May 2002 - minor concussion 2012 - Student fell in siphon river right of waterfall 2013 – 2x participants lost in cave 2013 – Knee Dislocations 2015 – Student stuck in Pooh-Bears-Crack for 1 hour 45 mins 2016 – client stuck 20+ mins							
Safety Management									
Code	Hazard			Management Strategy					
E3	Higher than normal water level			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to map Red zones close at 2.0 Update on map, addition of red area around siphon. Yellow zones close at 3.0 Green zones close at 4.0 (Cave is closed) 					
M3	Siphon at waterfall			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Siphon may form at right side of waterfall rock near Letterbox. Instructor to be in apposition to observe this spot prior to clients entering area. If observed as water flow too fast for clients then all clients to only travel on river left side of waterfall rock. 					
M3	Access Road			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe 30km advised speed limit or slower as appropriate to conditions Be prepared to stop quickly at all times Refer to AMP 81 Driving 					
M3	Upstream entrance Knee Deep Pool Area			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These areas may be entered with additional DM approval These areas are Red zones Refer to map extension (QDrive:\\05.Programme Resources\Caving\Okupata\Main Cave and Downstream Areas) 					
M2	Emotional issues			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't push people too hard. Check out any severe claustrophobics within the group before heading to the cave. Refer to T2 for policies for leaving people unsupervised 					
Approved by		Jono Maxwell, Centre Manager		Date		20 / 07 / 2021		Review in	
						1 year		From date of approval	
								Signed	

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Scale of map: 1cm = 2.5 m

