



Weardale Watersports – Open Water Swimming Disclaimer.



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For the purpose of this document/agreement the acronym 'WW' refers to 'Weardale Water sports' and 'OWS' refers to 'Open Water Swimming'.

* You must be 18 or over to book OWS with WW. - All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult, on a one adult to a maximum of one child ratio. No children under the age of 8 are permitted. A full familiarisation must be attended prior to any participant undertaking OWS at WW. This can be arranged by contacting WW via email weardaleadventure@outlook.com.

* The participant confirms that all participants under their duty of care while OWS will adhere to the following strict rules:

1. **NO SOLO SWIMMING** – The minimum number of people allowed to satisfy this rule is two persons. Groups of more will be permitted as this provides higher levels of potential support for those who find themselves in difficulties.
2. **TOW FLOATS MUST BE USED** – A OWS tow float or suitable alternative **MUST** be used while OWS at WW.
3. **ALL PARTICIPANTS TO HOLD PERSONAL INSURANCE** – An annual policy for OWS covering open inland water must be held by the participant directly.

* The participant confirms that all participants under their duty of care do not suffer from any medical condition and are not taking any medication/drugs that could affect their ability to partake in OWS.

* The participant agrees to stay within the area of use set by 'WW'. The area of use is Greenfoot quarry in the designated areas, which are clearly marked. Orange water barriers are used to mark areas out of bounds.

* Under no circumstances is any participant permitted to climb any banks or rocks with the intention or not to jump into the water. There is a pontoon at the eastern end of the lake which participants are authorised to use if they wish. There are two egress routes for participants to use, in times of distress, along the south bank which will be identified during familiarisation with WW site.

* The participant will immediately notify WW in the event of any loss of the equipment issued by WW or owned by the participant.

* The participant agrees to accept full financial and legal responsibility for any damage and/or injury to members of the public / property / or other users, regardless if it is caused directly or indirectly by the participant.

* The participant acknowledges they are responsible to replace and/or repair any damaged / lost / or stolen equipment, regardless if it was caused by your negligence, deliberate or accidental actions. By signing this agreement you are accepting to pay the full retail price and delivery for the replacement equipment.

* The participant understands that WW and its employees do not accept any responsibility or liability for the loss, damage, or injury which may occur during the course of your visit, regardless if these actions were accidental or of a deliberate nature.

* **INSURANCE** for open water swimming events only is held by Weardale Watersports.

- Weardale Watersports confirms that it is covered by public and employers liability insurance; however, we offer no insurance cover regarding personal accidents to individuals that may occur during the term of this agreement.

- In your own interest OWS involves an increased element of risk; you are strictly to take out insurance cover against accident, emergency rescue, and personal injury, loss of luggage, equipment damage and cancellation.

* WW reserves the right to refuse or immediately terminate a visit or future visits. The disclosure of the reason for this action will be entirely at WW discretion.

* The participant agrees that all members of their booking party are wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the activity and weather. They understand that WW strongly recommends they wear closed toe shoes which offer suitable protection on, off, and in the water. No one who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be permitted to participate.

* We may take photos for advertising and social media purposes. To opt out of this please tick box

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact us:

Email - weardaleadventure@outlook.com

Name of Participant:

Parent/Legal Guardian:

Date:

Signature: