

Criteria for a Low Risk Water Environment

Risk Factor	Low Risk
Distance to Additional Resources at Road or Lodge	No more than 1 hr to a warm dry place and transport to a medical facility.
Access to Shore	All group members can exit to shore quickly, easily and safely within 15 minutes.
Current	Currents less than 0.5 knots or 1 km/hr.
Other Boat Traffic	Within the activity area: No boats traveling faster than 5 knots or 10 km/hr and other boats not impacting group management.
Wind Exposure	Prevailing winds greater than 10 knots or 20 km/hr are onshore. No wind speeds exceed 20 knots or 40 km/hr.
Wave Exposure	Waves too small to capsize the least stable vessel in use.
Navigation	Destination is visible and/or shore hand-line can be followed.
Visibility	Visibility allows for navigation without map and compass and doesn't complicate group management