

Giant Hogweed

Do not touch this plant

Its sap burns skin in sunlight.
The burns can be serious and long lasting.

Keep children and dogs away.
Do not cut or strim it.

If you touch it:

It may not hurt at first and blisters can take up to 48 hours to appear.

1. Cover the affected skin from sunlight straight away.
2. Wash it with soap and cold water as soon as you can.
3. Keep it out of sunlight for at least 48 hours, even on cloudy days.
4. Get medical advice if redness or blisters appear or you feel unwell.
5. Protect the skin from the sun for months afterwards.

If sap gets in your eyes, rinse them with plenty of clean water and get medical help straight away.

How to recognise it: Usually 2 to 4 metres tall, with white flower heads up to 80 centimetres across, very large jagged leaves and a green stem with purple blotches and bristly hairs. Young plants and regrowth can be much smaller.

If you have concerns about this site, contact:

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