

Brodsworth Hall and Gardens

HAZARD INFORMATION SHEET FOR EDUCATIONAL GROUPS

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete their own risk assessment prior to their visit. This is usually a requirement by local education authorities. The following information is intended as a preparatory tool, and does not replace a teacher's or group leader's own risk assessment. Please be aware that conditions at historic sites may change rapidly during your visit, and that you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit.

Dropping off: coach park is in main car park. Visitor traffic inevitable.

Hall: entrance up short flight of steps or ramp. Floors accessed by flights of stone or carpeted steps. Lift available.

Gardens: paths tarmac, gravel or earth.

Exposed rock faces in Quarry Garden; delicate plants embedded in crevices.

Many plants potentially harmful, including some with poisonous berries, seeds and spores, others have spikes, thorns and hairs that can irritate the skin.

The sap of some leaves and trees can cause skin blistering.

Many species of fungi should not be disturbed to prevent poisonous spores coming into contact with skin.

Yew, Rhododendron and Laburnum among many of the frequently seen toxic trees and shrubs.

The gardens attracts many insects including bees and wasps.

Animal and bird droppings commonly found on paths and amongst fallen leaves.

The safest approach is to avoid touching or smelling any plant, including leaves on the paths.

All the trees on our sites are inspected annually. However, storm damage can sometimes affect the stability of apparently healthy trees and branches. Group leaders should be particularly aware of this when undertaking their own risk assessments prior to a visit.

Ongoing conservation or maintenance work on site may cause additional temporary hazards. **A member of the visitor operation team will advise you of these when you make your planning visit and on the day of your group's visit.**