

RANGER'S HOUSE – THE WERNHER COLLECTION, GREENWICH

Hazard Information for Education Visits

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to the site visit. The following information is intended as an aid and does not replace the group leader's own risk assessment. We recommend coming to the site on a free planning visit, to help you with your risk assessment. Please note: where possible, English Heritage staff at the site will be happy to assist you with your queries, but cannot check or sign any section of your risk assessment.

Environmental conditions at historic sites may change rapidly and you'll need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Make sure you wear sensible footwear and dress appropriately for the site and weather. Please be aware that the site may close at short notice due to adverse weather. Where applicable, stonework and trees at our sites are inspected regularly; however, storm damage can sometimes affect the stability of stonework and branches of apparently healthy trees. On-going conservation work may pose a temporary hazard; a member of staff will advise you of any works when you visit. Dogs on leashes may be present on site.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

We want to reassure you that we're following government guidance to make your trip as safe and enjoyable as possible.

We've introduced a range of new hygiene standards and social distancing measures. Our staff and facilitators have received guidance to help them safely run education visits at this time, and we've also created a general risk assessment for education visitors to help you with your individual risk assessments. You can find this and other information about what to expect on your visit at: english-heritage.org.uk/schools-what-to-expect

We've also detailed key changes on the individual site schools pages of our website, so please check before you visit. Once your booking is confirmed, we recommend booking a free planning visit to help you prepare for your trip and familiarise yourself with the site.

There is a one way system operating at Ranger's House.

- Please be aware of the one way system operating on site and stick to this route to avoid congestion and to maintain social distancing with other visitors.

Moving vehicles may pose a hazard upon arrival and while on the site.

- There is parking at Chesterfield Walk owned by Greenwich Council, but coaches have to park on Charlton Walk.
- Cars drive across the car park using the same route as pedestrians.

The fire alarm is not tested during "public hours" at any of our sites.

- If the alarm is activated, you are requested to follow the instructions from members of staff and make your way to the assembly point where a roll call will be made.
- Teachers are responsible for taking a roll call for their group.

Measures to conserve the collection may pose hazards when exploring the house.

- Please follow the suggested route given by staff to avoid congestion.
- There are low lighting levels throughout the house to help conserve the fabric.
- Windows and display cabinets throughout the house do not contain safety glass; do not lean on the glass.
- Several areas are roped off to the general public for the safety of the collection. Please do not attempt to cross the rope barriers or pull on the rope which will sound the alarm system.

Staircase treads and flooring may be worn and uneven; always use the handrail where provided.

- Steps, stairs and floors may all be uneven.
- In wet weather, the grass outside may become slippery and there may be various trip hazards around the site.
- Flooring inside the house is made of flag stones and is uneven and worn. Certain conditions may render the floor slippery in places.

Toilets are situated in the basement.

- Access to the toilets is via a spiral stone staircase.
- Steps may be uneven and slippery.
- If you require an accessible toilet, please speak to a member of staff.