

RICHBOROUGH ROMAN FORT AND AMPHITHEATRE, KENT

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](https://www.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.

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

- Access to the site is via a narrow country track.
- There is a car park adjacent to the site that can accommodate coaches.

The walking surfaces may be uneven and change in level; please use designated walkways wherever possible.

- All surfaces may be slippery when wet.
- Be aware of animal holes in grassed areas.

There are high walls and sheer drops on site, some of which are unguarded.

- There are numerous grassy ditches with steep sides.
- Ditches may become less obvious when grass is longer.
- The east side of the site is situated on a steep incline.

The construction of the site provides numerous climbing hazards; climbing on walls or over/under barriers is not permitted.

- Walls are rough and may contain sharp stones.
- Climbing into the ditches is dangerous and strictly prohibited.

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

- Steps may be worn and uneven; single steps may pose a trip hazard.
- Steps may be slippery when wet or icy.

Grazing livestock may be present on site.

- All animals may bite and/or kick; only approach them if advised it is safe to do so.
- There may be a risk of zoonotic infection; ensure students wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Adders are present on site, particularly in long grass and ditches.