

Rievaulx Terraces, Yorkshire

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 will need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Most accidents are the result of slips and trips so please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and dress sensibly 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, extreme weather conditions can sometimes affect stonework and trees so as well as following any staff instructions and being mindful of temporary barriers and signage, please remain vigilant at all times. 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.

All learners who are 16 years or younger must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times whilst on site.

Moving vehicles may pose a hazard upon arrival.

- There is coach and car parking on site and cars may be arriving when your group cross the car park. Please supervise students as they cross.

The nature of the site may present potential hazards.

- The ground surfaces are often uneven, so please take care as you move round the site and advise students to walk rather than run.
- Steps to the temples may be worn so please take care when you and your students go up and down them.
- There are high drops from the temple sides and there are no barriers present. Students must be supervised when they access these areas.
- Climbing on the walls is not permitted and poses a significant hazard.
- Students should stick to paths as the woodland area may present trip hazards and there may be nettles, thistles or brambles present in the undergrowth,
- The outdoor nature of the site means that, at certain times of year, wasps and bees etc may be present.
- Students should be warned not to eat any berries etc which they find on site.
- The woodland path to the abbey is uneven and steep in places.

Rievaulx Terraces is home to a wide variety of wildlife.

- There are animals and birds on site, and their droppings can present a hazard. Visitors should wash their hands prior to eating.
- There may be rabbit holes which could present a trip hazard.
- There may be other visitors present who may have dogs with them. All dogs should be on a lead.

Visitors on site.

- The site is open to the public so please be aware that there will be other visitors on site. Please be respectful.
- Students should stay with a group leader at all times.