

Rushton Triangular Lodge, Northamptonshire

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.

- Parking is in a small lay-by (which is also a bus stop) on a minor road out of the village of Rushton, opposite the entrance to the site. The road is busy at times with two-way traffic.
- There is unlikely to be room for a coach to park so students will need to be dropped off and picked up later.
- Alternatively, coaches can stop on the other side of the road, at the site entrance, to allow groups to alight onto the kerbside. The site entrance is via gravel path from the road to the admissions building.

The Lodge has several features which may present potential hazards.

- The lodge is a small three-storey three-sided building. Access to the entrance is via a gravel path and a flight of steps.
- From the first floor, narrow steps lead down to the ground floor room. Visitors are likely to encounter others on the stairs. Groups should not run at any time.
- Light levels can be low and fluctuate from room to room. It is advised that students take the time to allow their eyes to adjust when moving from room to room.
- The ceiling height on the stairs is quite low and caution is advised.

Rushton Triangular Lodge is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna.

- There are potentially harmful plants on site, including some with thorns that can irritate the skin.
- There are animals and birds on site and their droppings can present a zoonotic hazard. Visitors should wash their hands prior to eating.
- The plants and flowers do attract wasps and bees so please be aware that stings and insect bites could occur.

Visitors on site.

- The lodge is open to the public so please be aware that there will be other visitors on site. Please be respectful.
- Students should stay with their group whilst looking around the lodge.
- Please be aware that some visitors to site may bring dogs. These will be on a lead at all times.

Covid-19 and flu.

- We follow government and [NHS guidelines](#) to reduce the risk of transmission. Please also follow their guidance and do not visit if you have flu or Covid-19 symptoms or have recently tested positive.