

## WALL ROMAN SITE, STAFFORDSHIRE

Hazard Information Sheet for Education Visits

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit being made; this is a requirement of most 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. All stonework and trees on our sites are inspected annually; however, storm damage can sometimes affect the stability of stonework and branches of apparently healthy trees - leaders should be particularly aware of this when undertaking their own risk assessments prior to a visit. Please be aware that environmental conditions at historic sites may change rapidly and that you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit.

Please Note: If you wish to have access to the museum with a volunteer on hand and the use of toilets, please contact <u>letocetum@nationaltrust.org.uk</u> at least two weeks ahead of your visit for further details.

Wall Roman Site is the remains of a Roman settlement; the site is outdoors and has very limited sheltered space.

- walls are rough and may contain sharp stones
- there are many climbing hazards
- the open position of the site exposes it to wind and the elements

The small car park is a short walk from the site entrance; coaches must park on the road.

100m walk along a minor road, no pavements; vehicles travel along here at speed

There are large areas of uneven surfaces and remaining stone foundations on the site.

- ground surfaces are uneven throughout and can be slippery when wet
- there are few defined paths on the property and through the remaining foundations of the basilica
- dips may conceal exposed stonework

There are steep banks and inclines on the site.

- entire site is on a slope, getting steeper nearer the top
- steep, grassy bank on the Eastern end of the site

There are high walls and sheer drops around the site.

some raised areas with high walls and short drops

There are a number of steps and short staircases on the site.

- steep, narrow steps lead directly up from the main road
- there are no hand railings on site
- steps may be narrow and uneven

Possible presence of livestock grazing in fields adjacent to the site.

- animals may bite or kick, please do not approach them
- animal droppings may present a zoonotic hazard; always wash hands prior to eating

There are night storage heaters in the museum which can become quite hot.

Dogs on leashes may be present on site.

On-going conservation or maintenance work on site may cause additional temporary hazards.



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