

WROXETER ROMAN CITY, SHROPSHIRE

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.

The car and coach park is adjacent to the main site entrance.

- There is no footpath through the car park to the entrance.
- The Education Room and Roman Villa are across a minor road; 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, including through the foundations of the Basilica.

There are various steep banks and inclines on the site.

- There is a steep-sided ditch in front of the Roman Villa with the remains of a stone colonnade at the base.
- There is a steep bank up to the viewing platform on the east side of the site.

There are high walls and sheer drops around the site.

- There are some raised areas with high walls and short drops.
- There is an unfenced drop into the cold pools.

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

- There are steps and staircases with no hand railings.
- Steps may be narrow and uneven.

There is the 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 meals.

Asbestos has been identified in the Education Room; this is being managed and monitored by English Heritage.

- These areas are clearly marked with red stickers.
- No activities that may disturb the asbestos are permitted.
- Please raise any concerns or accidental damage with the Site Manager immediately.