

YORK COLD WAR BUNKER, YORK

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.

Access up to admission point and bunker may pose potential hazards.

- Access is via steep stairs. Please pay attention to your footing whilst climbing the stairs.
- There is a chairlift on site which allows wheel chair access to the second floor.

Within the bunker, groups should be aware of the unique nature of this site.

- Before the tours commence, visitors will be given a full safety briefing by a member of English Heritage staff. It is important that all instructions are complied with.
- There are a large number of steps within the bunker. Appropriate care should be taken at all times.
- There are two exits, one upstairs and one on the ground floor of the bunker.
- None of the artefacts should be touched by visitors unless invited so by a member of English Heritage staff.
- The audio visual presentation, rated PG, contains graphic images of the type of injuries that humans can sustain as a result of exposure to radiation. We advise teachers to make a planning visit to assess whether the presentation is suitable for their pupils to view.

Asbestos has been identified on the site. 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.