



ENGLISH HERITAGE



SUMMER EXPLORER QUEST



Congratulations on completing the Summer Quest
We hereby certify that

is now an official explorer!



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Welcome to the Summer Explorer Quest at Birdswald Roman Fort! There are 12 boards located around the Fort, find them all and complete the activities as you go along!

Please keep a safe distance from others and follow any directional signs.

Unscramble the letters below to reveal the name of the Emperor responsible for building the wall

N I H A R A D

Why do you think the Romans built Forts?

I paced out a Roman mile today!

Hadrian's Wall was the border between England and Scotland

- True
- False

To the east I can see...

- The main east gate of the fort
- Whin Sill
- The longest section of the Wall



How do you think the Romans communicated with each other along the Wall?

- Telephone
- Signalling with fire and smoke

Using the list of Roman ingredients below, can you work out which 'fast food' 'Isicia Omentata' might have been?

Minced pork
Pepper
Wine
Garum (a fish sauce)

Clue – they are a very popular meal in this Country, but we don't have ours with fish sauce!



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The Roman Army was divided into two groups, Legionaries and Auxiliaries – find out the roles of each, why were they different?

Legionaries –

Auxiliaries –

I think the tallest part of the Wall here at Birdoswald Roman Fort is in the

- North
- South
- East
- West



How tall do you think this is?

Can you draw how you think the valley might have looked when the Romans were occupying the Fort?



Throughout History Roman numerals were also used for ordering people who shared the same name. Can you think of an example?

Find the symbol carved into one of the stones on the ground in front of the farmhouse – can you draw the stone in the space below?

What do you think the Romans would have stored in the granaries?

What do you think the Roman drill hall would have been used for?



The Romans carved symbols from their homeland into the Fort Walls. What would you carve into your stone on the Wall? Draw your own symbols below!

Have a go at our Roman word search!

Can you find all 7 hidden words?

B X U D E C Z G V P P L P I I
 T U Q T R O F X Y D R X C R H
 L P R X M Q E C O O T T Y Q V
 Y B I G U Z K B M Q Q N J X D
 I Z D P E Y I A S A A I I K I
 O N S A W R N L I I Z O A Y N
 L G T R B E B A R V B G C P W
 U X K A U X P D E K U W S C H
 Z V H C N P A I L S R K L X O
 I C B E U H G I I L Z I Z S Z
 E L F C R J G L E G I O N Y J
 T T L R U M N O S H P D X M C
 F J D A Z F Q T C G U U T B J
 L A V Y W K N O O N H C P O R
 H Z P B N J C P S R Y W R L O

Words to find:

- | | | |
|---------|-------|--------|
| Legion | Wall | Symbol |
| Fort | Roman | Burger |
| Hadrian | | |



Weather watch!

For thousands of years people have been using the clouds to accurately forecast the weather. What can you see in the sky today? Use the cloud descriptions below to forecast the weather.

Cirrus – wispy and streaky, they indicate fair weather, and that a warm front is on its way.

Cumulus – big white fluffy clouds which are wide. These are the typical clouds seen on a summer's day. If you see them after mid-morning, it means no rain for the rest of the day!

Cumulonimbus – tall and dark clouds. These bring heavy showers, strong wind and occasionally thunder.

Altostratus – white or grey patches in the sky, they look like sheep's wool! Often spotted on warm and humid mornings, they can indicate thunderstorms.

Nimbostratus - a dark grey layer, thick enough to block the sun. These are typical rain clouds!

Cirrocumulus – very small white patches of cloud, often seen in rows. Likely to be seen in winter when it's colder.

Stratus - hang low in the sky as a flat layer of grey cloud. Often seen on dreary, overcast days, they may bring drizzle.

Stratocumulus – puffy, low, grey or white clouds with patches of blue sky visible in-between them. Usually seen on cloudy days.

The weather today looks like...

Roman Emperor challenge!

Could you have been a Roman Emperor? Take part in our challenge below to find out if you have what it takes! Complete the activities below, we recommend completing one activity at a time as you explore the Fort.

Please remember to stay safe, and keep a distance from other people.

- 10 star jumps
- Jump on the spot whilst counting to 30
- 10 lunges
- Hop on the spot for 1 minute
- 10 Sky Jumps (touch the ground and then jump straight up!)

Don't forget to also pace out your Roman mile!

