

Social Story

Richborough Roman Fort



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About this social story

This resource has been created in partnership with students from St Anthony's School, Margate.

It aims to show what a visit to Richborough Roman Fort is like and to help other groups plan their day, feel confident, stay safe and have fun.

The students visited Richborough to explore the site, take their own pictures and decide on helpful text to include in this story.





We're students from St Anthony's School and we helped make this story for you to use.



Welcome to Richborough!



It's a great place to visit!



There's lots of space to park your small coach or minibus.



There's a compostable toilet next to the car park.



Everything goes in the ground!



Here's the accessible path to the visitor centre.



For your safety, please do not climb the walls...



or go in the big Roman ditches...



...and beware of steep slopes



FROM BEGINNING TO END: ROMANS AT RICHBOROUGH

Richborough's Roman story began in AD 43 when the Emperor Claudius (ruled AD 41-54) sent an army to conquer Britain.

As the Roman army secured southern Britain, Richborough gradually developed into a thriving civilian port town. Goods from across the empire entered the new Roman province of *Britannia* via Richborough – or *Rutupiae*, as the Romans called it.

The town was dominated by a massive arch, whose cross-like remains are still visible. Around AD 250, the army returned to build a small earth and timber fort around the arch, followed about 30 years later by a larger stone fort built over demolished buildings near the town centre. In the last years of Roman Britain, this fort was one of seven protecting the south and east coasts from Anglo-Saxon raiders.

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Info panels and pictures help explain the site.



You can climb up here! It's a cool Roman gateway.



Go up this ladder to get to the top!



It's high but not scary. You can see for miles!



At the visitor centre you can...



Use the learning space as your base...



...handle real Roman artefacts...



discover what a strigil is...



try on a Roman helmet...



...and have a go at Roman army training!



You can smell herbs in the Roman garden...



...and enjoy a picnic with a wonderful view!



The shop has loads of cool things to buy!



There's so much to see in the museum...



including incredible Roman treasures...



models, interactives and a fun dice roller!



And there's lots of space to run around and explore!



We wonder if you'll discover the lion's head too?

Visiting us

We hope you've enjoyed finding out more about Richborough Roman Fort using this social story.

We look forward to welcoming you on a visit soon.

You can find more information about visiting us at:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/school-visit

You can continue your learning at:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/teaching-resources

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