

Aldborough Roman Site, Yorkshire

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 will need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Most accidents are the result of slips and trips so please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and dress sensibly 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, extreme weather conditions can sometimes affect stonework and trees so as well as following any staff instructions and being mindful of temporary barriers and signage, please remain vigilant at all times. 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.

All learners who are 16 years or younger must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times whilst on site.

Moving vehicles may pose a hazard upon arrival.

- There is no parking on site, coaches can drop students off outside the gate. Please use the free tourist car park in Boroughbridge village (one mile from the site).
- You may need to walk students along the road if there are parked cars near the entrance. It is a quiet road but be aware that a small section does not have a footpath.

The ruinous nature of the site may present many potential hazards.

- The ground surfaces are often uneven, and there are old, uneven steps and footpaths throughout.
- Walls are rough and contain uneven and often sharp stones.
- There is low masonry around the site. Please walk at all times. No running is allowed.
- Climbing on the walls is not permitted and poses a significant hazard.
- There are also small ditches surrounding some of the existing Roman remains and these pose potential slip hazards.

The handling collection may pose possible hazards within the museum.

- This is a collection of real and replica objects, stored in plastic boxes. They contain some tile, pottery and metal which may have sharp edges so please handle with care.
- There are some glass and pottery objects which are fragile; please handle with care.
- The game counters and mosaic pieces are small, and a potential choking hazard.

Aldborough Roman Site is home to a wide variety of wildlife.

- There are animals and birds on site, and their droppings can present a hazard. Visitors should wash their hands prior to eating.
- There may be concealed rabbit holes which could present a trip hazard.
- There may be other visitors present who may have dogs with them. All dogs should be on a lead.

Asbestos has been identified on the site. This is common with older buildings and some historic artefacts and is being managed and monitored by English Heritage.

- These areas and objects are clearly marked with red 'a' stickers and are not in normal access areas.
- No activities that may disturb the asbestos are permitted; please raise any concerns or accidental damage with the Site Manager immediately.

There may be potential hazards outside the English Heritage guardianship area.

- Please be aware that the circular site route enters land not under the guardianship of English Heritage. The boundary division gates are located at the bottom of the arboretum near the quarry, and by the mosaic buildings near the open field.
- A separate risk assessment may be required by your school if you choose to enter the area outside English Heritage guardianship.

Other visitors on site.

- The site is open to the public so please be aware that there will be other visitors; please be respectful.
- Students should stay with a group leader at all times.

Mature trees on site.

- There are mature trees on site that may drop branches in rare circumstances; care should be taken when passing under or near large trees.