Richborough Roman Fort and Amphitheatre, Kent
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 and while on the site.

- Access to the site is via a narrow country road.
- There is a car park adjacent to the site that can accommodate coaches. Coaches may need to turn in this space.

The walking surfaces may be uneven and change in level; please use designated walkways wherever possible.

- All surfaces may be slippery when wet.
- Be aware of animal holes in grassed areas.

There are high walls and sheer drops on site, some of which are unguarded.

- There are numerous grassy ditches with steep sides.
- Ditches may become less obvious when grass is longer.
- The east side of the site is situated on a steep incline.
- The Claudian Gateway and Rampart is high and has steep slopes.

The construction of the site provides numerous climbing hazards; climbing on walls or over/under barriers is not permitted.

- Walls are rough and may contain sharp stones.
- Climbing into the ditches or up the face of the Claudian Rampart is dangerous and strictly prohibited.

Staircase treads may be worn and uneven; always use the handrail where provided.

- Steps may be worn and uneven; single steps may pose a trip hazard.
- Steps may be slippery when wet or icy.
- The top of the Claudian Gateway is reached by a ladder stair. Please go backwards down this as the stairs have narrow treads.
- The handrails on the Claudian Gateway are constructed of wood and could be a splinter hazard.

There are learning resources that can be used by groups on-site, including handling collections.

- The objects in the handling collection may have rough edges, points or protrusions.
- Learners must be supervised at all times by Leaders while using the resources.
- The objects may have been handled by multiple groups; always wash hands after use

Grazing livestock may be present on site.

- All animals may bite and/or kick; only approach them if advised it is safe to do so.
- There may be a risk of zoonotic infection; ensure students wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Adders are present on site, particularly in long grass and ditches.