

Wroxeter Roman City, Shropshire

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 remain vigilant at all times. Please follow any staff instructions and be mindful of temporary barriers and signage. 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.

The car and coach park is adjacent to the main site entrance.

- There is no footpath through the car park to the entrance.
- The education room and recreated Roman villa are across a minor road; vehicles travel along here at speed.

There is an indoor museum area.

- There are interactive activities in the museum with moving and loose elements. Please supervise children carefully.
- Care should be taken around the glass display cases.

There are large areas of uneven surfaces and remaining stone foundations on the site.

- Ground surfaces are uneven throughout and can be slippery when wet.
- There are few defined paths on the property; most areas are gravel or mown grass.

There are various steep banks and inclines on the site.

- There is a steep sided ditch in front of the Roman villa with the remains of a stone colonnade at the base.
- There is a steep bank up to the viewing platform on the east side of the site; paved steps with a handrail are set within the bank.

There are high walls, sheer drops and other hazards around the site.

- There are many climbing hazards. Climbing on the walls is not permitted and poses a significant hazard.
- There are some raised areas with high walls and short drops.
- There are unfenced drops into the cold pools, between rooms and throughout the ruins.
- The outdoor pool has steep, grassed sides and is unfenced.
- The latrine trench has sheer, stone sides and is unfenced.
- There is very little shade in the outdoor areas; please take precautions in hot weather.

There are a number of steps and short staircases on the site.

- There are steps and staircases with no hand railings.

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.

There is the possible presence of livestock grazing in fields adjacent to the site.

- Animals may bite or kick; please do not approach them.
- Animal droppings may present a zoonotic hazard; always wash hands prior to eating meals.

Asbestos has been identified in the education room. This is common with older buildings and some historic artefacts and these are being managed and monitored by English Heritage.

- These areas and objects are clearly marked with red 'a' stickers.
- No activities that may disturb the asbestos are permitted; please raise any concerns or accidental damage with the site staff immediately.