



Hazard Information for teachers

Caerlaverock Castle

Caerlaverock Castle is situated 8 miles south-east of Dumfries on the B725. The site consists of a ruined medieval castle set in a moat, with a lively visitor centre and nature trail.

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit with a group. This is a requirement of most education authorities. The following information is intended as a preparatory tool and does not replace a teacher's or group leader's own risk assessment.

Please be aware that changes in weather may affect the risks inherent in an outdoor site. Pupils should dress for outdoors.

For more information about hazards at Caerlaverock or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01387 770244**.



Potential hazards at Caerlaverock Castle

Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from other moving traffic when boarding or leaving coach.

External Hazards

- Uneven surfaces underfoot – trip risk.
- Grassy banks and stone slabs can become slippery in wet weather.
- Moat is full of water and is unfenced – please supervise pupils closely at all times.
- Nature trail has steps and can be muddy.
- Biting insects in woods in summertime.

Internal Hazards

- Stairs are even but no handrails.
- Uneven stone surfaces underfoot – trip risk.
- Do not climb on the replica siege engines or the cannon – fall risk.
- Low doorways throughout.
- Low lighting throughout.