



Hazard Information for teachers

Inchcolm Abbey

Inchcolm Abbey is situated on the island of Inchcolm in the Firth of Forth. It consists of the well-preserved ruins of a 13th-century abbey. There is a small visitor centre with displays. The island is famed for its wildlife.

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 Inchcolm, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01383 823332**.



Potential hazards at Inchcolm Abbey

Pedestrian access to site

- Access is via a ferry crossing. Call 0131 331 4857 to arrange.
- Pupils must be supervised closely when embarking or disembarking and while on the ferry.
- Some rough terrain around the abbey.

External Hazards

- Some uneven surfaces within abbey buildings – trip risk.
- Ground underfoot may be slippery in wet weather.
- Some steep banks.
- Barriers in place where necessary.
- Parts of the island are rocky with cliffs.
- Children should be supervised close to the sea.

Internal Hazards

- Some low doorways.
- Only natural lighting – can be dim in dull weather.
- Steep spiral staircase leading to viewing platform on bell tower.