

Hazard Information for teachers

Lochleven Castle

<p>Lochleven Castle is situated on an island in Loch Leven, Kinross.</p> <p>The site consists of a 15th-16th-century tower surrounded by a wall and set within a National Nature Reserve.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit with a group.</p> <p>Teachers and group leaders are responsible for members of their group at all times and adequate supervision of members is required at all times and particularly while on, embarking and disembarking from boats.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please be aware that changes in weather may affect the risks inherent in an outdoor site. Pupils should dress for outdoors.</p> <p>For more information about hazards at Loch Leven, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the Monument Manager on 01577 862 670.</p>	<p>Potential hazards at Lochleven Castle</p> <p>Pedestrian access to site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving traffic in the car park. • Island can only be accessed by boat which carries a maximum of twelve passengers. • Life jackets are available (12 Junior-size jackets suitable for chest 69-79cm; 12 Large Child-size jackets suitable for chest 57-70cm; type Crewsaver 100N Spiral) – alert staff in advance if required. • A safety briefing is given by the boat person before leaving the mainland. • An emergency radio is located on the island – location and use are covered in the safety briefing • Surfaces around the jetty and on the boat can be slippery. • The island pier is a floating pontoon and as such will move with the motion of the water. <p>External Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External wooden staircase within tower. • Not all stairs have hand rails. • Uneven surfaces within castle grounds – trip risk. • High walls and steep drops – fall risk. Barriers in place to stop access onto the courtyard wall walk. • Steep grassy banks on east and west side can be slippery when wet. <p>Internal Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low doorways within castle. • No lighting within – can be dark on dull days. • Narrow, spiral stairs with no handrails.
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