



Hazard Information for teachers

Blackness Castle

Blackness Castle is situated 4 miles NE of Linlithgow on the Firth of Forth, off the A904. The site consists of three well-preserved tower houses within a high wall surrounded by the sea and grassy lawns. There is also a jetty on to the river Forth.

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 Blackness, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01506 834807**.



Potential hazards at Blackness Castle

Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from other moving cars in car park when leaving or boarding coach.

External Hazards

- Ground within the castle courtyard is uneven and rocky and may become slippery in wet weather.
- Castle ramparts high but with safety barriers.
- Wall on road leading up to castle which should not be climbed on at high tide.
- Jetty has safety barriers and is closed in bad weather.
- Castle is right beside the sea, so pupils must be supervised closely at all times.

Internal Hazards

- Stairs are narrow and winding but well-lit.
- Some doors lower than normal.
- South tower lit but other two towers have no lighting in rooms.