



Hazard Information for teachers

Dryburgh Abbey

Dryburgh Abbey is situated by the river Tweed, 8 miles SE of Melrose on the B6404, near St Boswells. The site consists of remarkably complete medieval abbey ruins.

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 Dryburgh, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01835 822381**.



Potential hazards at Dryburgh Abbey

Pedestrian access to site

- Coach parking close to entrance; be careful of other cars.

External Hazards

- Uneven surfaces within nave – trip hazard.
- Steep banks leading to dry mill lade.
- Barrier prevents access to river.

Internal Hazards

- Five sets of stairs, two without handrails.
- Stone slabs and grass underfoot can be slippery in wet weather.
- Steep steps down to chapter house.
- Lighting dim in chapter house.
- Barriers and low walls as required.
- Low doorway into cellars.