



Hazard Information for teachers

Hermitage Castle

Hermitage Castle is situated 5.5 miles north-east of Newcastleton on the B6399. The site consists of an isolated ruined castle dating from the 14th century, situated by a river.

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 Hermitage Castle, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01387 376222**.



Potential hazards at Hermitage Castle

Pedestrian access to site

- Parking is by the side of the road. Take care of other moving traffic.
- Access to the castle is via a bridge over a river.

External Hazards

- A river runs to the south side of the site and in places it has deep pools and can be fast-flowing after rain. Pupils must be supervised closely at all times.
- Stairs can become slippery in wet weather.
- Uneven surfaces underfoot – trip risk.
- Steep banks surround the castle.

Internal Hazards

- Uneven surfaces underfoot – trip risk.
- Two low doors – one on the ground floor, the other at the entrance to the dungeon.
- Low light levels.