

Hazard Information Sheet for Educational Groups

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit being made. This is a requirement of most local 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 conditions at historic sites may change rapidly, and that you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit.

Please do not ask our staff to fill in, check, or sign any sections of your risk assessment, as they have no responsibility to do so.

General

Severndroog Castle is located at: Castle Wood, Shooters Hill, London SE18 3RT.

There is no site parking, but at Castle Wood there is limited public parking, which is a five minutes walk from the Castle.

The car park can be found along a narrow lane running from Shooters Hill Just above Christ Church School, a distance of about 100 yards.



For more information about bus numbers and bus stops please visit our website:

www.severndroogcastle.org.uk

Entrance

There are 86 steps leading up to the viewing galleries.

The upper floors are only accessible by a single, spiral staircase, which is used both to ascend and descend the Castle.

Groups should go up on one side only, leaving space for other visitors to walk down.

Climbing on banks and walls is forbidden, as they are extremely steep.

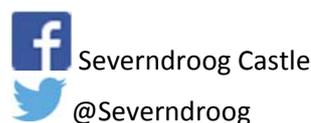
Please ensure that students do not sit on the windowsills.

Tower site

The ruinous nature of the tower presents many climbing hazards. The site includes the historical Rose Garden; there are old, uneven steps and surfaces. Visitors are able to get to the building crossing the wood from Welling Way and Oxleas Café by following the Green Chain Walk sign. Crossing the wood requires sensible footwear and outdoor clothing because it can be muddy and slippery.

Viewing Galleries

It can be quite windy at the top of the Severndroog Castle on the exterior viewing galleries and in wet weather the floor can become slippery.



The exterior viewing galleries are situated at approximately 60-feet high above ground. Visitors are requested not to lean or climb on the ledges. We recommend a maximum group size of 10 people on the viewing platform.

On-going conservation or maintenance work on site may cause additional temporary hazard. A member of staff will advise you of these when you make your planning visit.

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