

## HAZARD INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS ROUGH CASTLE: FORT, DITCH, RAMPART, LILIA

The best-preserved length of rampart and ditch, together with the earthworks of a fort – the most complete on the Wall – and a short length of military way. This is the best site to gain an impression of how the frontier and its integral forts worked, and the only place to see the lilia (defensive pits).

Rough Castle is signposted at Bonnybridge, and then signposted along a quiet side road from the B816 between Bonnybridge and High Bonnybridge. There is a small car park at the end of this road suitable for a minibus. Alternatively, if travelling by coach, park at the Falkirk Wheel and follow signposts up the hill from the visitor centre to the site.

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.



### POTENTIAL HAZARDS AT ROUGH CASTLE

#### PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SITE

- Risk from moving cars in the car park.
- Loose gravel path leading down slope to site may be slippery in wet weather.

#### EXTERNAL HAZARDS

- The area is used for dog walking, so pupils should be prepared to meet dogs and keep an eye open for dog mess.
- The network of paths crosses several burns and there are standing pools of water on site; pupils should take care.
- Trip risk from fallen branches, uneven ground, boggy patches, large boulders.
- The ditch areas and paths up to the fort are very steep; care should be taken.