

HAZARD INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS BAR HILL: FORT, MILITARY WAY, DITCH, RAMPART

This is the highest fort on the Antonine Wall. Today you can see the foundations of the headquarters building and bath-house.

It lies close to the village of Twechar, accessed from the B8023 Kirkintilloch to Kilsyth road. Parking is on-street. The site is signposted from the village main street, close to a war memorial and lies around 0.5km up a farm track and path. Follow the signs for the John Muir Way.

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 BAR HILL

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SITE

- Pupils should take care along the B8023 which is a busy road.
- Access to the site is by walking up a farm track which may be used by farm vehicles.
- Track is unpaved and may be slippery from loose gravel or in wet weather.
- Track goes past Barr Farm; pupils should be prepared to meet dogs.
- Signs of cattle on the track: pupils should be prepared to meet cattle and avoid cow pats.
- Track is bordered by brambly hedge and/or barbed wire; care must be taken.
- Final stages of access route are across grass which may be muddy and uneven.

EXTERNAL HAZARDS

- The site lies on a sloping grassy hillside with some boggy patches which may be slippery when wet.
- The slope drops away more steeply to the north; pupils must be supervised.
- Trip risk from low walls, marker stones, tussocks and tree roots.