Information for learning group leaders



Stones of Stenness Circle and Henge

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We look forward to welcoming your group. Please check for any closures before visiting: historicenvironment.scot/stones-of-stenness historicenvironment.scot/closures

Rangers contact orkneyrangers@hes.scot

Health and safety

It is the responsibility of learning group leaders to complete their own risk assessment prior to any visit with a group.

The hazard information provided does not replace a learning group leader's own risk assessment. We strongly recommend that you contact us to arrange a free planning visit.

Learning group leaders are responsible for their group members at all times.

Please check our website for the required supervision ratios:

historicenvironment.scot/learn/staffing-ratios

Weather

The weather may affect the risks on the day. Please dress for the outdoors (including appropriate footwear).

Hazards

- Moving traffic at drop off/pick up points.
- Road crossing may be required
- Slippery surfaces
- Uneven surfaces

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Arrangements for group travel

If arriving by coach or minibus please use the designated bus parking areas in the carpark.



Where to gather on arrival

The best place for groups to gather is beside the entrance gate.



Resources that can be provided

We are happy to welcome groups and can provide guided tours and activities on site. Available to borrow are clipboards, sit mats and a range of handling objects from the Neolithic period. Please contact the Ranger team in advance to arrange.



Space to leave bags

There is no secure, covered space on site to leave any bags.



Spaces for lunch, learning or additional support

There is no covered space on site. Maeshowe visitor centre has a learning space (see Maeshowe site information sheet). This needs to be booked with the Maeshowe staff and groups would have to make their own way there.

There is outdoor space at the nearby Barnhouse neolithic village but this can also be busy. There is no shelter or seating available however we can loan sit mats by prior arrangement.



Shop

There is no shop.



Toilets

There are no toilets available on site. The nearest public toilets are in Stenness village, which is a mile away along the busy main road, or at Maeshowe visitor centre.



Good to know

Your visit will be entirely outdoors so be prepared for all weather conditions as the weather in Orkney can be changeable.