# Information for learning group leaders



Fort George

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We look forward to welcoming your group. Please check for any closures before visiting: <u>historicenvironment.scot/fort-george</u> <u>historicenvironment.scot/closures</u>

# 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).

# Accessibility

Access information is on the property's page.

#### **Hazards**

- Low doorways and/or passageways
- Moving traffic at drop off/pick up points
- Moving vehicles within visitor areas
- Steep slopes
- Unprotected edge(s) and/or steep drop(s)





# Arrangements for group travel

The car park has space for coaches to park. Once you have parked, please make your way through to the Visitor Centre.



#### Where to gather on arrival

The best place for groups to gather is by the model of Fort George, outside the Visitor Centre.



#### **Resources that can be provided**

We have quizzes and an audio guide available for download. Guided tours of the fort are subject to staff availability. Please ask on arrival.

The Highlanders Museum is within the fort and has learning resources: <u>thehighlandersmuseum.com</u>



## Space to leave bags

Bags can be left in the Grand Magazine annex. Fort George is a working military base, you should not leave any bags unattended.



## Spaces for lunch, learning or additional support

We have a dedicated indoor space in the Grand Magazine annex which can be used as a learning or lunch space. There are also tables and a grassed area for picnics outside the Grand Magazine.



## Shop

You are welcome to visit our shop during your visit.



#### **Toilets**

There are toilets, including adapted toilets, at the centre of the site.

#### Good to know

Fort George is an active military base. You may see soldiers at work and military vehicles during your visit. You are also likely to hear noise from the nearby firing ranges. Some of the buildings are used by the army and are not open to the public and for security reasons there may be armed sentries and staff may ask to search your bags.

Fort George has many sudden drops: please take care. Visitors must not climb on the ramparts, outer walls or cannons. If you hear an alarm please make your way to the parade ground (no. 5 on the visitor map) where staff will give you further instructions. Military vehicles and staff cars are permitted in the fort – please watch out for these.