



Dumbarton Castle

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

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

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





Arrangements for group travel

There are no coach parking bays at the castle. We recommend coaches drop off on Castle Road and then return at a pre-arranged time to pick up. There's limited car parking near the castle, and this is shared between castle visitors, the bowling club and the council run park. Coaches can have difficulty turning/reversing on this road.



Where to gather on arrival

The best place for groups to gather is inside the main entrance gates, or at the Governor's House. Head straight through the main gates, climb the stairs through the large green door and the Governor's House is the house at the top of these stairs.



Resources that can be provided

We have a children's quiz and volunteer tour guides who can lead tours by prior arrangement.



Space to leave bags

There are no areas to leave bags.



Spaces for lunch, learning or additional support

There are benches and picnic benches around the site that groups are welcome to use. However, given the nature of the site there is not a specific picnic area or a significant number of benches in a single area. We do not have any indoor lunch or learning spaces.



Shop

Please keep group sizes to 10 people when visiting our shop.



Toilets

There are toilets in the Visitor Centre, however the nearest adapted toilet is at Asda, about a third of a mile away.



Good to know

Dumbarton Castle is primarily an outdoor site and to explore the property fully includes climbing over 500 stairs to the peaks of Dumbarton Rock. It can be very windy and exposed on the top section of Dumbarton rock.