## Information for learning group leaders



Dunstaffnage Castle

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We look forward to welcoming your group. Please check for any closures before visiting: <u>historicenvironment.scot/dunstaffnage-castle</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: <u>historicenvironment.scot/learn/staffing-ratios</u>

#### 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
- Low lighting
- Moving traffic at drop off/pick up points.
- Slippery surfaces
- Spiral stairs
- Unprotected edge(s) and/or steep drop(s)
- Uneven surfaces
- Uneven steps/stairs
- Water hazard





### Arrangements for group travel

Coaches/minibuses can drop off and pick up in the main carpark. There is a short walk from the carpark to the castle. If anyone in the group has mobility issues please phone us to discuss.



#### Where to gather on arrival

The best place for groups to gather is in the large green grassy area in front of the shop.

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#### Resources that can be provided

We have two object handling boxes: medieval castle life and medieval abbey life (which works well with a visit to the chapel).

We have a build the arch kit. The group works together to build the arch and, if done correctly, you can walk over it!

There are quizzes, trails and games, along with arts and crafts activities.

Big floor mats are available for children to sit on.



#### Space to leave bags

Bags can be left in a room above our shop.



#### Spaces for lunch, learning or additional support

The best places for lunch outside are: the large grassy area in front of the shop; the clearing in the woodland and on the stony beach.

We have no interior spaces for lunch, learning or additional support.



#### Shop

Please visit the shop in small groups: eight people at one time.



#### **Toilets**

There are toilets, including an accessible toilet, on the side of the shop.



#### Good to know

The chapel is well worth a visit.