SEGEDUNUM

A UNESCO World Heritage Site

A Visual Guide
Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum

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For written information about access to and around our Roman Fort site and Museum please follow this link to our website.

segedunumromanfort.org.uk/visit-us/access-information

For a photo guide please read on.....

When you get to the Museum

The outside of the Museum looks like this.

The entrance to the Museum looks like this.

Soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase from reception.

There are automatic glass doors into the reception and shop area.

Shop and reception area.

People you will meet

Our Front of House staff wear purple and sometime dark blue tops. They are there to help you. Our learning team and any museum volunteers could be wearing anything but will have a badge on with their name.

Getting around the museum

Signage

There are lots of maps and signs to help you find what you are looking for on each floor.

Borrowing a Wheelchair

A wheelchair is available for visitor use. Please ask a member of staff at the Welcome Desk, who will be able to assist.

Seating

Benches and chairs, some with backs and arms are situated throughout the museum.

Things you can play with or touch

There are lots of things in the museum that are just for looking at but here are some of the many things that you can play with. There are things to touch and try on, screens to watch, buttons to press, bridges to build and pulleys to pull. Some of them make sounds. If you would like these switched off, please tell someone who works here.

Useful Places

You can't eat or drink in the galleries, but you can eat your lunch in our warm welcome space on the third floor. We also have picnic benches outside near the Herb Garden.

Please remember to put any rubbish in a bin.

Toilets

On the ground floor, behind the Reception area there are two accessible toilets. More toilets, including those with accessible facilities, are located on the first floor near the Warm Welcome space with some more near the Activity Room and on the top floor next to our function rooms.

Lifts

There are two lifts that take you to different parts of our building.

The one in the shop will take you to the Warm Welcome space, the Strong Place and temporary exhibition galleries and the activity room.

The one in the stairwell will take you to the function room floor and all the way to the top of the Tower!

Roman Gallery

There are things to touch and try on, screens to watch, buttons to press, bridges to build and pulleys to pull.

Cinema Room

It is dark in here with a screen showing stories about how people lived in Roman times.

Gallery 3

This is a large landing area showing a changing exhibition programme.

Strong Place Gallery

A permanent exhibition about Segedunum the place and its changing use over time. There are screens and games that can make noises and flashing lights.

The Tower

A great view of the Fort and the River Tyne.

Exits: If we need to leave the building quickly

If you hear a loud siren noise that means we need to leave the building quickly and calmly.

Just follow one of these green signs (below) and wait in the car park or on the pavements outside the museum.

Do not go back inside unless a person who works at the museum tells you that it is safe to do so.

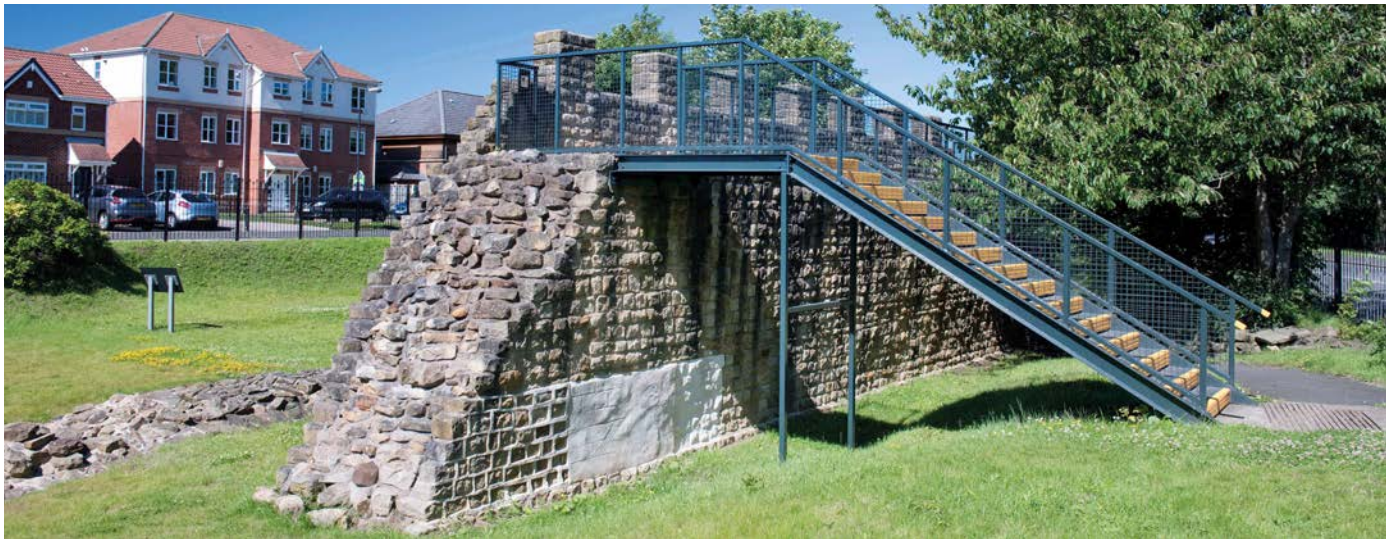
If you need assistance to leave the building if a fire alarm sounds please inform staff at the reception desk on your arrival.

The Fort site

This is the most excavated fort along Hadrian's Wall with surviving foundations of many buildings and part of the Wall itself. You are welcome to walk along our paths and also all over the site but be aware that the ground is uneven and difficult for wheelchairs in places.

The reconstructed Bathhouse is currently closed to the public.

The Wall site



A reconstructed section of the Wall stands beside a stretch of the remains of the original Wall. It gives an impression of how it may have looked 1900 years ago.

There are steps up to the rampart.

SEND provision at Segedunum

At Segedunum Roman Fort we are dedicated to supporting all learners, including those who have special educational needs and disabilities. To support these learners, we work in partnership with teaching staff to adapt, as appropriate, our core workshop offer to provide inclusive learning experiences.

We offer a range of SEND workshops tailored to meet your history, archaeology, and art and design curriculum needs that also encourage children to build their practical, visual and cognitive and communication skills. Activities can include handling 2,000 year old artefacts, participating in an army training camp just like a Roman soldier, and a bespoke tactile tour of Segedunum.

We are also able to offer a sensory based session for SEND children. We have a carousel of activities which can be offered to different groups depending on their specific needs.

For instance, children can handle and touch a replica roman solider kit, smell some of the herbs that the soldiers would have used as medicines, or take part in pottery making activities.

In our museum in the Roman Gallery, some of our interactives have sounds attached to them. If your group is likely to struggle with these sounds, please let us know and our front of house staff can arrange to turn these off or reduce them whilst you visit.

Drop us an email at **learning@segedunumromanfort.org.uk** or call us on **(0191) 278 4217** to speak to a member of our learning team. All members of our team have extensive experience of working with SEND schools and children with a range of educational needs.