

MYNYDD PARYS

SAFETY INFORMATION TO HELP SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR VISITS AND CREATE A RISK ASSESSMENT

Please remember that:

- schools are responsible for doing their own risk assessments, and that
- we are unable to fill in, check or sign any sections of school risk assessment forms as these are not our responsibility.

We recommend that teachers refer to the DfES document 'Health and Safety of Pupils/Young People on Educational Visits - A Good Practice Guide, 1988'.

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/healthandsafety/visits>.

This clarifies that it is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any visit being made.

The safety information we provide is intended as a preparatory tool. It does not replace the need for your own risk assessment specific to the needs of your group and in line with the official guidelines and school/LEA policies.

Our safety information outlines the control measures undertaken by us to avoid or reduce risk, together with rules of conduct for visiting groups. Your risk assessment will take into account the age, ability and specific needs of your group, any risk associated with your transport or possible weather at the time of your visit, in addition to this safety information.

We advise that all teachers/supervisors on the visit have copies of your risk assessment/relevant safety information and that members of your group are counted at the start, during and at the end of your visit.

Safety Statement

Amlwch Industrial Heritage Trust (AIHT) fully accepts its responsibilities under Health and Safety Legislation. A Health and Safety Policy is in place, together with written risk assessments undertaken in respect of our legal duties relating to persons other than employees (i.e. visitors) coming onto our site and using our facilities.

Please be assured that the health and safety of visitors whilst on site is of our

	<p>utmost concern. We want to ensure that your visit is a fun, enjoyable learning experience.</p> <p>We operate a policy for staff recruitment, training and assessment, which ensures that all staff with a responsibility for the safety and welfare of visitors/participants are qualified to undertake the duties they are assigned. However, the very nature of the site means that visitors need to take great care.</p> <p>Teachers and other school staff are kindly requested to work in partnership with AIHT by actively supervising children within their care whilst on site. Pupils remain the responsibility of the school during the visit.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that group leaders conduct a preview visit in order to assess any potential risks for your group. This can be discussed when you book your visit.</p>
Background	
Venue details	<p>Mynydd Parys is an outstanding industrial archaeology, heritage site. A way marked route anti-clockwise around the mountain is identified by means of numbered green metal posts. By combining your walk with the aid of the site map, visitors can develop a sense of how the landscape has changed and appreciate its rich geological, ecological and industrial heritage.</p> <p>An independent walk around the hill top, in good weather, will take from two to two and a half hours, stopping at the six identified view points.</p> <p>Ideally a relaxed guided tour will take some three hours.</p> <p>Beware of inclement weather. Be prepared. There is no shelter and no toilet facilities on the mountain.</p>
Contact	For advice and booking a guided tour,

Information	<p>please telephone 01248 725700 or e-mail: post@copperkingdom.co.uk allowing 24 hours for a response.</p> <p>For toilet facilities at the Old Sail Loft, telephone 01407 832255</p> <p>If after your visit you have any concerns or experienced any problems regarding the safety of members of your party we would welcome the opportunity to discuss these with you. Please email post@copperking.co.uk</p>
General Information	
Animals Fouling in Public Access Areas	Dogs are allowed on the mountain as long as they are kept on a lead at all times. Owners are expected to clean up after their dogs.
Communication Systems	Ensure functioning mobile phones are carried by lead adults - to enable contact within the group and for use in an emergency.
Emergency Evacuation	In an emergency - contact the relevant rescue service by dialling 999.
Weather Protection/ Safety/ Clothing/Refreshments	<p>Mynydd Parys is a very exposed landscape. All members of your group should have appropriate clothing including footwear for protection against wind, rain and sun.</p> <p>Given that the visit may extend to three hours ensure that your group is well supplied with refreshments.</p>
Facilities for Visitors with Special Needs	Schools and group leaders must ensure that suitable arrangements are in place in order that appropriate supervision and assistance is available to pupils with special needs. Please ensure when booking a guided visit that your individual and group needs are discussed.
First Aid	All groups must carry appropriate First Aid equipment.
Guided Tours / Facilitator led	Guided school visits can be arranged in advance by calling 01248 725700 or e-mail:

sessions	post@copperkingdom.co.uk allowing 48 hours for a response. There is a charge for this service.
Insurance / Public Liability	??????????
Lost children	<p>Due to the extent and character of this unique landscape, individuals are at risk of getting lost if they stray from their group leader. Frequent roll call of pupils is essential. Do ensure absolute control of keeping to the way marked pathway.</p> <p>Should it become apparent that a child is missing, ????????????</p>
Maximum Group Sizes / Supervision	<p>Please ensure that your pupils are supervised at all times.</p> <p>We ask you to observe the following ratio or better :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School years 1 to 3 (ages 5 to 8) : 1 responsible adult : 6 children • School years 4 to 6 (ages 8 to 11) : 1 responsible adult : 10-15 children • School years 7 onwards (secondary age 11+) : 1 responsible adult : 15-20 children <p>The above are the ratios suggested by the DfES. Group leaders should assess the risks and consider an appropriate safe supervision level for their group.</p>
Required Visitor Conduct	<p>Visitors must not :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leave the way marked trail • behave in an unruly manner • climb rocks, walls or unstable spoil heaps • collect rock or mineral samples • interfere with the flora and fauna • leave litter <p>The official guides reserve the right to ask groups or individuals who behave in an unreasonable manner to leave the site.</p> <p>All groups of pupils and students under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times and remain the responsibility of the school throughout their visit.</p>

	'take only pictures, leave only footprints'
Schematic Map	A map of the site is included at the end of this document. Please photocopy the required number for all your group leaders.
Site Safety Inspections	AIHT carries out regular monitoring of potential hazards on Mynydd Parys.
Site Staff Identification	Do confirm the official status of your AIHT guide who will be carrying an identity badge.
Vehicle Traffic	<u>Car Park</u> Extreme care should be taken when alighting and rejoining the coach and especially crossing the car park.
Welfare Facilities	<u>Toilets</u> There are no toilet facilities on the mountain. The nearest conveniences are 20 minutes away at the Old Sail Loft, Porth Amlwch. Telephone 01407 832255 to arrange to use the facilities.
AREAS OF HIGHER RISK	
Water	Avoid all standing water: ponds and pools. The water is acidic - the equivalent of car battery acid.
Significant Hazards	Mynydd Parys was formerly an area of opencast and underground mines. Please be very aware of quarries, precipitous slopes, adits, shafts, spoil heaps, uneven walking surfaces, ponds and pools, deep heather possibly sheltering snakes, natural vegetation (brambles, etc.), and exposure to the elements
Poisonous Plants/ Fungi	Schools should advise children that plants, flowers, berries and nuts must not be picked and/ or eaten.
Review	This document and related safety information is updated regularly.

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