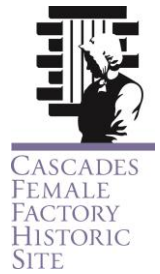


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GENERAL INFORMATION

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Teachers and students will have a more enjoyable and engaging experience at the site if some pre-teaching is done before the excursion. Our Education team can provide lessons plans, resources and advice to ensure that you get the most from your visit.

If you have any students in your group that requires special assistance, please discuss this with staff when you make your booking.

ARRIVAL AT THE CASCADES FEMALE FACTORY

In order to get your visit off to a smooth start, be sure to arrive approximately 10 minutes before you are scheduled to begin your tour or activity, so we can check you in. Please call Reservations on 03 6233 6656 to let us know if you are running behind time.

Coach parking is available in Degraeves Street, please see the map on the website for directions.

SUPERVISION

Please be aware of supervision requirements on site. Teachers are required to be with their students *AT ALL TIMES*. During some tours and activities it may be necessary to split school groups into two or three smaller groups. In this situation we ask that one teacher or accompanying adult stays with each Guide to help us to make sure that the information is targeted to your group's needs and to bring the group to order when necessary.

Please contact the Education team to discuss supervision requirements and refer to the Education Department website for guidelines.

FIRST AID

First aid enquiries should be made to the Guides or ticketing staff.

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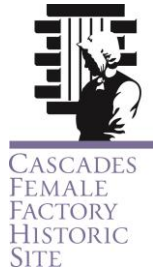
Suitable clothing is important as there are limited covered areas at the site and the weather can be unpredictable. Hats, sunscreen, a warm jumper, and a raincoat, or jacket are recommended. Closed-toe shoes, suitable for walking, are also recommended.

FACILITIES

In the Visitor Centre you will find a gift shop, a range of snacks and drinks and the rest rooms.

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL VISITS

BEHAVIOUR

For many people, a visit to the Cascades Female Factory is a very powerful and moving experience. Please be mindful of the experience of other visitors who are sharing the site with your group. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

CARE OF THE SITE

This site is fragile and we ask visitors to be mindful of this and not to climb upon or interfere with the exhibits and surrounds. The Cascades Female Factory is a heritage site and as such we need to look after it and to also prevent accidents occurring to people who visit.

ARCHAEOLOGY

The Cascades Female Factory is an archaeological site as well as a tourist site. As such, any material found on site is important for telling the story of its past. Often there are artefacts (objects such as broken ceramics, nails, etc) turning up in the soil and grounds of the site. These must not be touched or taken. It is tempting to pick it up and hand it in to someone, but leaving things where they are is the best way to assist us in maintaining the site. Once something is removed, our archaeologists have lost some pieces of the puzzle!

RUBBISH

We take pride in the appearance of the Cascades Female Factory, and while we have bins available on site for the disposal of rubbish, one may not always be to hand. In this case we ask that you hang on to your rubbish until a bin is found.

OUR GUIDES

All of our Guides at The Cascades Female Factory are very passionate and extremely knowledgeable about the site. When on tours with them, please ensure students respect this and behave in an appropriate manner.

CONTACTS

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