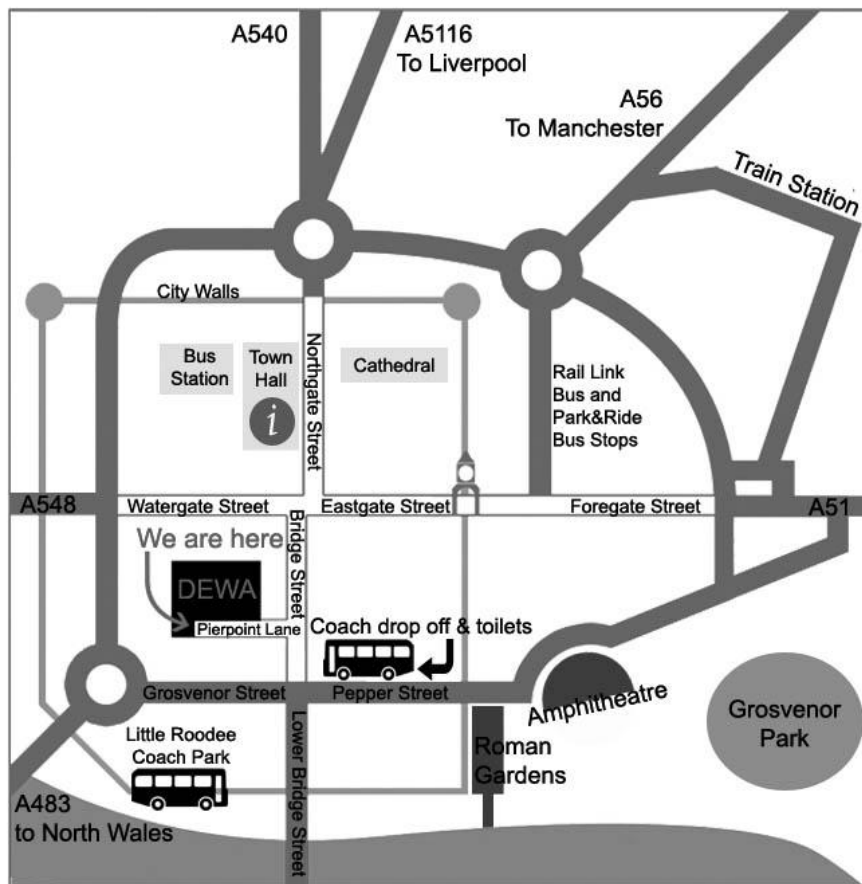


Welcome to Dewa Roman Experience

Our Location

The Dewa Roman Experience is situated within the fortress walls of Chester, just off one of the four main shopping streets, Bridge Street.

Due to our city centre location we cannot provide parking, nor can schools be dropped off at our entrance. We recommend the Little Roodee Car Park for coach and car parking and Pepper Street as the most convenient drop off/pick up point for groups arriving by coach.



For Parking:

Little Roodee Car park
Chester CH1 1SL

For Drop off/Pick Up:

Pepper Street Chester
CH1 1DF

On arrival

Please inform reception of your arrival. The receptionist will need to know how many children and adults, including group leaders, are in your group. You will be required to pay for your visit at this point. If you are wishing to use the toilets before the start of your visit, please arrive 10 minutes earlier than your allocated starting time.

Payment and Prices For Schools and Groups

For visits combining Dewa and a Patrol

Child - £3.95 (Aged 5-16)

Adults 3 x free per class

Additional Adult Helpers - £3.95

Senior/Student - £4.95

Group Rate - £4.75 (10 adults +)

Roman Soldier Patrol £60.00

Roman Soldier Patrol as a single activity £70.00

Payment is due on arrival, by cash or by business/school cheque. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Dewa Roman Experience'.

Confirmation and Cancellation

Group bookings require written confirmation within 3 days of booking by return of post or by email. Please quote your booking reference when doing so.

Please note, we require 28 days notice for the cancellation of a confirmed session in writing or by email, or a charge will be made at the full rate. We will always endeavour to reschedule a booking due to exceptional circumstances.

Lunches

We are able to store packed lunches within the centre but please bring labelled crates or bin liners to store them in. We are unable to store backpacks or school bags so please advise the children to bring their lunches in plastic carrier bags only. We have limited space in our lunch room and it is available on a first come first served basis. Alternatively, your class could eat up on 'The Rows'; a nearby public walkway which is covered, but has open balconied areas. We do, however, ask you to please be considerate of our neighbours by avoiding sitting in front of trading shops and ensuring that you take all of your litter with you.

Please note that whether choosing to eat inside or outside, the Dewa Roman Experience is unable to accept any food waste and you will need to make provision to take your waste back to school with you.

Gift Shop

Our gift shop has a wide range of historically themed items starting at pocket money prices. Time in the shop is allocated to each group within the time in the centre, but if you prefer, you may purchase Goody Bags instead. Please book the Goody Bags in advance of your trip; payment for them is required on the day of your visit, by cash or school cheque.

DEWA ROMAN EXPERIENCE

Please note that our Risk Assessment is for guidance only and will need to be personalized to each group's needs by the Group Leader. A free pre-visit is offered to each teacher in order to undertake your Risk Assessment and to familiarize yourself with the Centre.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Reconstructions

On entering DEWA via a ramped access, visitors start their tour in a reconstructed harbour and street scene. This area has various floor heights, low level lighting and two small sets of steps incorporated into the displays. We use an atmospheric smoke in two sections of the reconstructions. The smoke is specially designed for use in a public area and will not cause coughing although some children will cough from a psychological affect. We also use smells to replicate everyday Roman Chester. These oil burning aromas are quite strong and could, in severe cases, cause vomiting, nausea and difficulty in breathing.

Audio-Visual

Groups are then invited to view an A.V. Presentation lasting 5 minutes. This area is completely dark while the film is running. Once finished the lighting returns and we continue the tour into the archaeological dig.

Archaeological Dig

The archaeological dig is accessible by steps leading down into an 18th century cellar. These steps are steep and the floor surface is uneven throughout the cellar. Further steps lead up into the main excavations, these are also steep. Scaffold barriers and plastic netting surround the excavations.

There are two different floor levels within the excavation. Pushchair/Wheelchair access is available to main excavations.

Hands-On Area

The children are free to interact with the activities of their choosing but some activities, such as trying on armour, will require assistance from the adults accompanying the group to ensure that the available equipment is used as safely as possible.

Museum

Our museum has glass fronted display panels and a freestanding display case. This room has low level lighting and the cabinets are made of solid wood and have hard edges. A seated area surrounds a Roman mosaic, this frame is often stood upon which is neither permissible nor encouraged.

Toilets / Shop / Exit

Our toilets are situated at the rear of the building. Once inside DEWA the toilets can be used at any stage, though children must be accompanied by an adult helper. Many groups opt to use our shop before leaving. The shop is fitted with wall mounted and free standing cases. These cases are highly visible though they do have hard corners at various heights. We do not sell dangerous goods or anything non compliant to British standards. Groups exit DEWA via a ramped access from our shop.

SOLDIER PATROL

RISK ASSESSMENT

Our soldier patrols are often the highlight of your group's day out. Our battle ready soldiers enthusiastically demonstrate what it was like to be a part of the 20th legion almost 2000 years ago, with a backdrop of Chester's major archaeological attractions DEWA soldier patrols offer a unique and educational insight into Roman life.

Meeting your Soldier

Prior to starting your tour our soldiers will give your group a few basic guidelines of what is expected of them. These guidelines highlight the need for safety and awareness whilst on the march. If for whatever reason you wish to address your group, your guide will do his best to stop at a safe area of convenience.

Marching

Your children will be encouraged to find a partner of their choice or yours and remain with that partner whilst on patrol. The obvious hazards whilst on patrol are traffic, both auto and pedestrian.

When crossing roads your soldier will stop the traffic but the onus is still on the group's teaching staff and helpers to ensure that the children cross safely.

Pedestrians will often cross a procession of children, this being the case, teachers and helpers will be required to monitor and assist the group's progress. Pavements and uneven road surfaces are also an obvious hazard whilst on patrol.

Archaeological Sites

Using Chester's Archaeology as a backdrop, your soldier will introduce as many sites as possible within your allocated time. These sites are often open to public visitors so your group should remain in close visible formation. The obvious hazards within these sites are loose or uneven surfaces, poorly maintained grounds and general public interest. Your soldier will do his best to indicate any hazards which may arise and also to keep your private patrol, private.

Steps / Stairs

Sections of your tour will encounter the use of stairs or steps to gain access to a site or monument.

Extra care should be taken whilst using these steps as they may be of hard stone, wet, or poorly maintained.

The Walls

Your soldier may take your group upon part of Chester's walls. These walls are of a considerable height and due care and attention should be observed whilst upon them. Leaning over the edge is not encouraged by our soldiers.

Weapons

During your patrol your Roman soldier may offer your children pieces of armour to carry and handle.

This normally involves a shield and a helmet. Please let your guide know if you are not happy about this.

Your soldier may also display his sword, dagger and spear. These weapons are not for general handling though your soldier may require an assistant for this demonstration. This would be done in a controlled manner with the permission of the

group leader.

Toilets

It is often the case while on patrol the toilet is needed. The most convenient toilet is situated in Pepper Street. These toilets are public facilities and therefore a suitable adult helper would be advised to assist.

Emergency

In the event of an accident or emergency your soldier will stop the tour at the safest place to do so.

In the event first aid is required, your soldier will not administer first aid unless a life is under threat. Your soldier will escort your group to an area of safety or back to DEWA for further assistance.