

# AMGUEDDFA CYMRU

## Visual Story

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A trip to Roman  
Caerleon



# Visual Story

**This is a visual guide for educational groups preparing to visit.**

**It includes useful information for all learners including those with additional needs.**



# Symbols used in the is guide

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**This symbol shows when a place has strong smells.**



**This symbol shows when a place is noisy.**



**This symbol shows when a place has a change in lighting.**



**This symbol is used to highlight areas where you can touch objects.**

# Map of Roman Caerleon

 Safest route into Amphitheatre

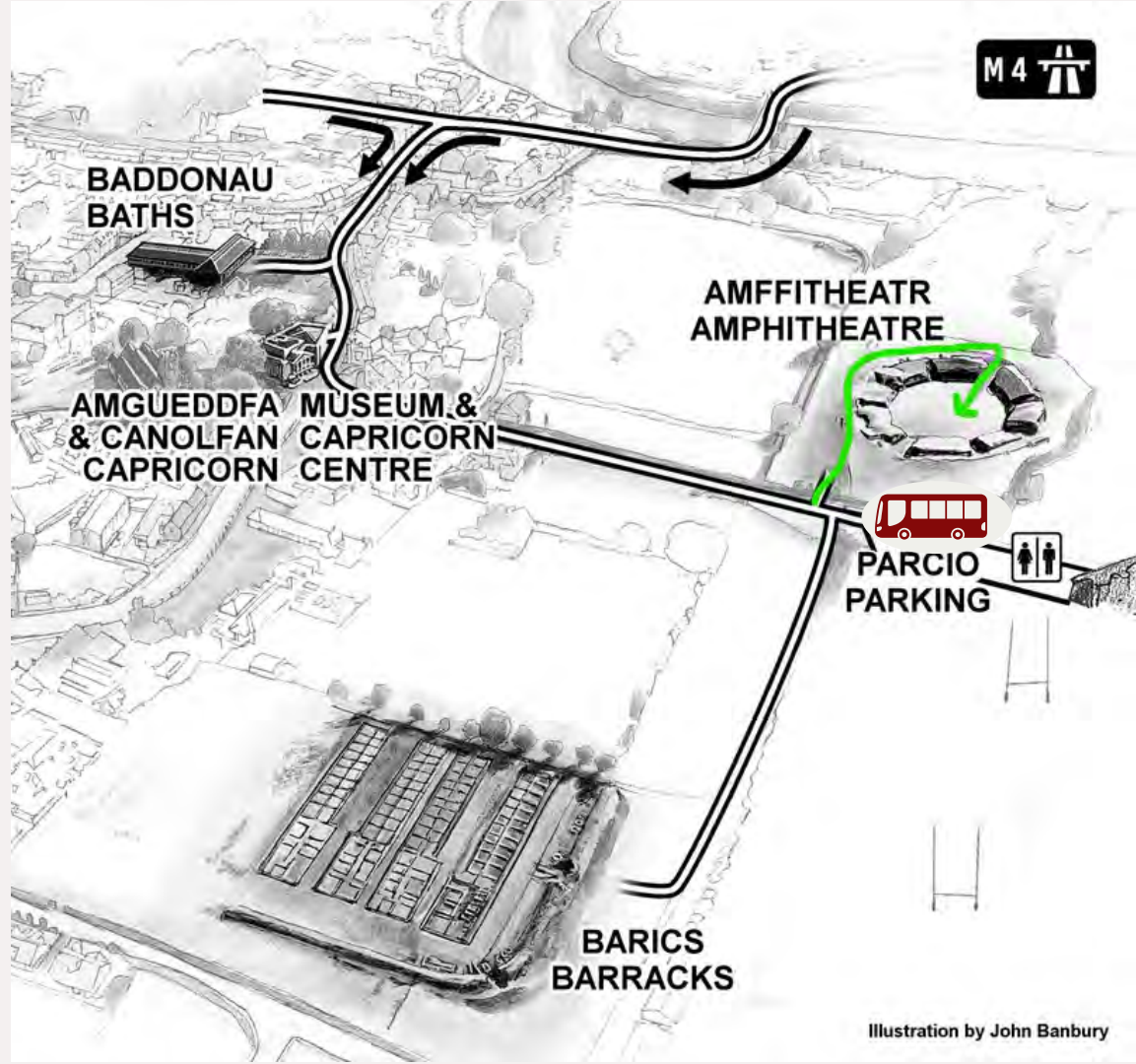


From parking space:

Allow 10-15 minutes to reach the  
Baths & Museum.

Allow 0-5 minutes to reach the  
Barracks.

Allow 0-5 minutes to reach the  
Amphitheatre.



# If you arrive by coach

- Your coach can park opposite the amphitheatre.
- There are public toilets at the far end of the car park.
- Your group leader will have a timetable. Check where you are going - before heading off.



# Getting to your destination



Click on the images to see the route to your destination.



Amphitheatre



Baths



Museum



Barracks

# Getting to the Amphitheatre



To reach the Amphitheatre - cross the road with care and go through the iron gate. Surfaces include: level grass, grass slopes, mud and uneven stone steps.



Wheelchair access is challenging but possible with additional assistance. See safest route on the map.



# The Amphitheatre



The Amphitheatre is a fantastic open space to explore! It was the Roman equivalent of today's stadiums or cinemas.



The area is exposed to the elements - dress for adaptable weather conditions.

Your group leader will lead this session. There are no staff at the Amphitheatre.





# The Amphitheatre

**To avoid accidents - close active supervision of learners by school staff is required at all times.**

**No climbing allowed.**

**We recommend that groups are taken down into and stay within the main arena area, rather than exploring the higher-level areas.**

**Health and Safety guidance available on the Museum website.**



# Getting to the Barracks



To reach the barracks head up the long footpath and the barracks are on the right. Surfaces included: Tarmac paths grass slopes and stone steps.



Wheelchair access is challenging. Viewing possible with additional assistance.



# The Barracks

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Here you can see the remains of a Roman soldiers Barracks. Where 6,000 soldiers once lived and slept.



It is an outdoor space - exposed to the elements.



Wheelchair access is challenging but possible with additional assistance. It has slippery surfaces and low walls.



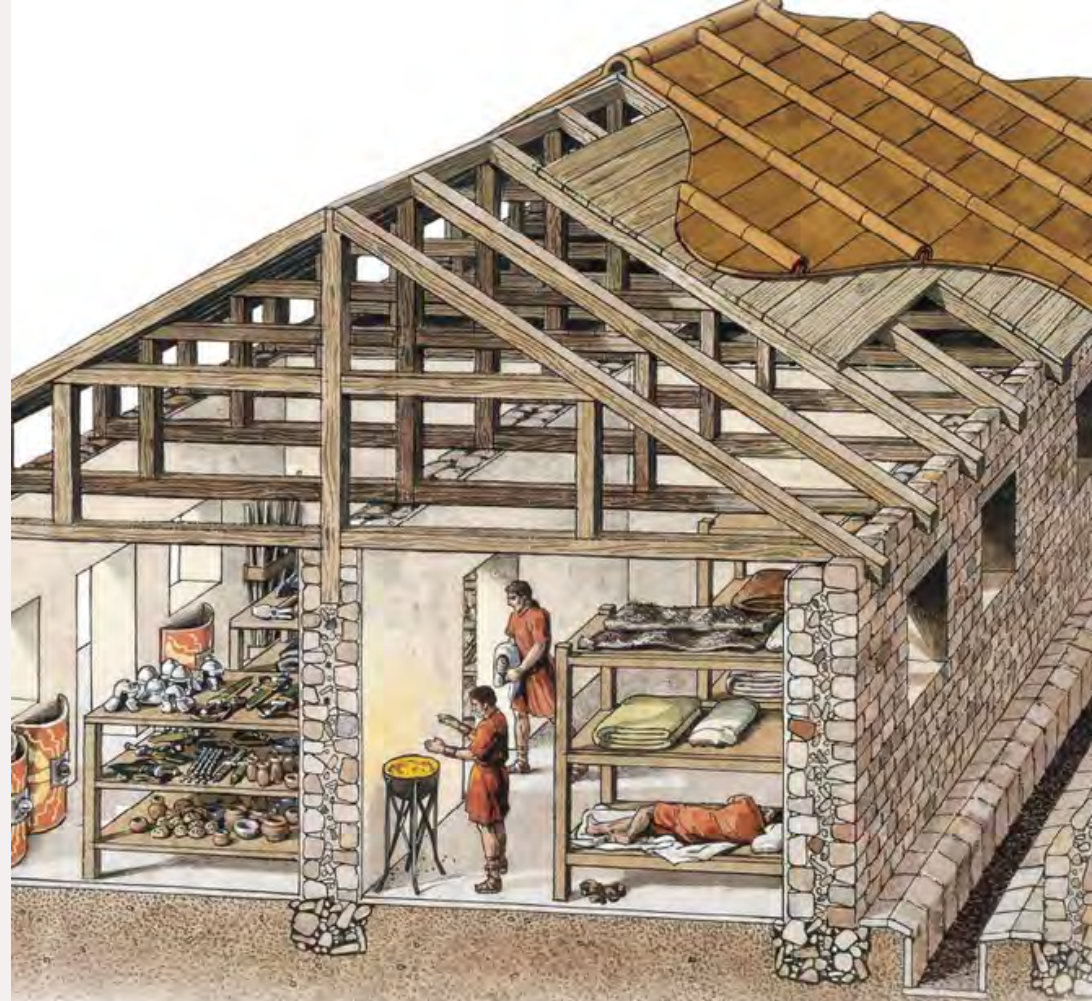
# The Barracks



You can see a reconstruction of a Roman Soldier's living space when you visit the Museum.



You can explore the barrack room online before your visit if you wish.



# Getting to the Museum



To reach the Museum.  
Follow the pavement  
towards the village.  
Pavements are narrow and  
roads can be busy - please  
take care.



Surfaces included: Tarmac  
pavements.

The route is wheelchair  
accessible.



# Getting to the Museum



To reach the Museum. Follow the pavement towards the village. Pavements are narrow and roads can be busy and noisy. Please ensure groups are supervised and follow Route B.



Surfaces included: Narrow stone slab pavements, street crossings and cobbled surfaces with parked cars.



Route A is easiest for wheelchairs. The route is wheelchair accessible. But crossing roads and cobbled surfaces can be difficult.



# Getting to the Museum



**Cross the road carefully!**  
To reach the Museum turn left and use the ramp. Surfaces include metal ramp and flat stone surfaces. Turn right to continue to the Baths.



The road can be very busy and noisy.



The route is wheelchair accessible. But narrow pavements and stone slabs require extra care.




# When you get to the Museum

- This is the front of the museum.
- There are steps and a ramp leading up to the front door.





# **This is the front door of the Museum**



- **The doors are made of glass.**
- **Staff will help you open them if you need help.**



# People you will meet

- Museum staff will greet you at the reception desk.
- Some staff wear a uniform with the Museum logo on it.
- Some staff may be dressed in Roman costume. They may be wearing a helmet and carrying replica weapons. They are friendly and will help you learn about the Romans.



# Museum Gallery

- The gallery is a large room with lots of glass cases containing lots of real Roman objects, that the Romans left behind in Caerleon. The flooring is tiled.
- There are life size Roman models.



# Museum Gallery



When there are lots of people in the gallery it can be noisy and sounds can echo.



There are lots of lights in the gallery - which reflect on the glass cases.



There is wheelchair access to the Gallery and the lower level of The Gallery via a ramp.



# Museum Gallery

There are hundreds of fascinating objects to explore.



This could be overwhelming for some visitors. It may help to focus on one case at a time - which will have a specific theme.



- 1 Troellau crochenwaith**  
Spindle whorls of pottery
- 2 Troellau siâl Kimmeridge (Dorset)**  
4edd ganrif OC  
Spindle whorls of Kimmeridge (Dorset) Shale  
4th century AD
- 3 Tabledi gwehyddu asgwrn ac efydd**  
Ar gyfer gwneud gwregysau brêd  
2il ganrif OC  
Bone and bronze weaving tablets  
Used in making braid belts  
2nd century AD
- 4 Terfynellau asgwrn ar gyfer gwregysau brêd**  
2il ganrif OC  
Bone terminals for braid belts  
2nd century AD  
Nodwyddau efydd ac asgwrn  
Bronze and bone needles

# Museum Gallery

- You will see a Roman coffin and grave stones in the gallery.



You can explore the gallery online before your visit if you wish.



# Roman Garden

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The Roman garden is a calming outdoor space just off the gallery.



There are lots of herbs to touch and smell.



You can explore the garden online before your visit if you wish.



# Gift shop

- We have a small shop where you can purchase souvenirs.





# Barrack Room



The barrack room is a reconstruction of a Roman Soldier's living space.



The lighting is dark in this room and it has different smells.

Access is limited. Staff will install a portable ramp or use alternative entrance for wheelchair users. Alternatively entrance to the Barrack Room can be gained by use of 4 steps.



# Trying on armour



Learners can wear child-size armour with adult assistance. It is heavy and cold to touch.



The armour makes noises when you try it on. It is made of metal with leather straps.

You can choose to play audio in this room.



You can explore the barrack room online before your visit if you wish.



# Workshop

You can book to take part in a facilitated workshop, which will be lead by costumed facilitator.

You may be asked to dress in Roman costume, hold wooden weapons and armour or take part in role-play.

Pupils enjoy this part of the day but please let us know if you need us to make adjustments. We offer different workshops throughout the year - see website for details.



# Workshop space



The workshop space is accessed from the Museum garden. There are colourful paintings on the walls depicting Roman gods and animals.



# Sounds and video



There are a few screens in the Museum that play video content. Screens can be switched off if required.



All of the video content is silent.

We have a portable induction loop available at the front desk.



# Toilets

Learners have access to a separate set of toilets at the museum.

We have one disabled access toilet and separate sets of cubicles for boys and girls.



Doors and hand dryers are noisy in this area.



# Eating

**We have two indoor lunch areas at the museum. One has lots of natural light whilst the other is darker with small windows.**

**When the weather is fine you can picnic on the grass in the garden. There are a few benches including one suitable for a wheelchair. The garden is open to other visitors.**



# Quiet areas

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**In the garden we have a few quiet areas.**

**Lunch areas can also be used as quiet areas when not in use.**





# Booking

When booking let us know your groups needs.

Do you need us to:

- Adapt the content or delivery of a session. e.g. pace, language, content, activities, costumes, things to avoid / encourage.
- Create a more flexible timetable.
- Program exclusive use of some museum spaces.
- Look at reducing lighting, sounds - where possible.



# Virtual visits

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**Would it be useful to book a virtual visit before you visit the Museum?**

**Connect your class with Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales for a free live interactive workshop.**

**Designed for learners aged 7-11, the workshops cover areas of the curriculum including: Humanities, Expressive Arts and Science and Technology.**



# Getting to the Baths



To reach the Museum.

Follow the pavement towards the village.

Pavements are narrow and roads can be busy - please take care.

Surfaces included: Tarmac pavements.



The route is wheelchair accessible.



# Getting to the Baths



To reach the Museum. Follow the pavement towards the village. Pavements are narrow and roads can be busy and noisy. Please ensure groups are supervised and follow Route B.



Surfaces included: Narrow stone slab pavements, street crossings and cobbled surfaces with parked cars.



Route A is easiest for wheelchairs. The route is wheelchair accessible. But crossing roads and cobbled surfaces can be difficult.



# Getting to the Baths



**Cross the road carefully!**  
To reach the Museum turn left and use the ramp. Surfaces include metal ramp and flat stone surfaces. Turn right to continue to the Baths.



The road can be very busy and noisy.



The route is wheelchair accessible. But narrow pavements and stone slabs require extra care.



# Getting to the Baths



Walk along the narrow pavement through the village. Keep to the pavement.



The road can be very busy and noisy.



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# Getting to the Baths



Turn left into the car park to reach the baths.



Take care entering the car park and be aware of others cars and vehicles.



# Getting to the Baths



There is a small car park at the baths run by a private company. It is not suitable for coaches, but some visitors could be dropped off at the car park entrance if necessary.

Head towards the entrance at the back of the car park.





# When you get to the Roman Baths

This is the entrance to the Roman Baths.

Go through the door to enter the Baths.

If you need help to open the door you can ask for 'help please'



# People you will meet.

**This is the entrance to the Roman Baths.**

**The people in uniform are here to help you if you need it.**



**The baths are wheelchair accessible.**

**There are no toilets at the baths.**



# The Baths

Roman soldiers came to the baths to swim, soak, relax and clean themselves.



It has low lighting levels and colourful projected imagery to help recreate the scene.



You can hear splashing sounds and music.



# Surfaces

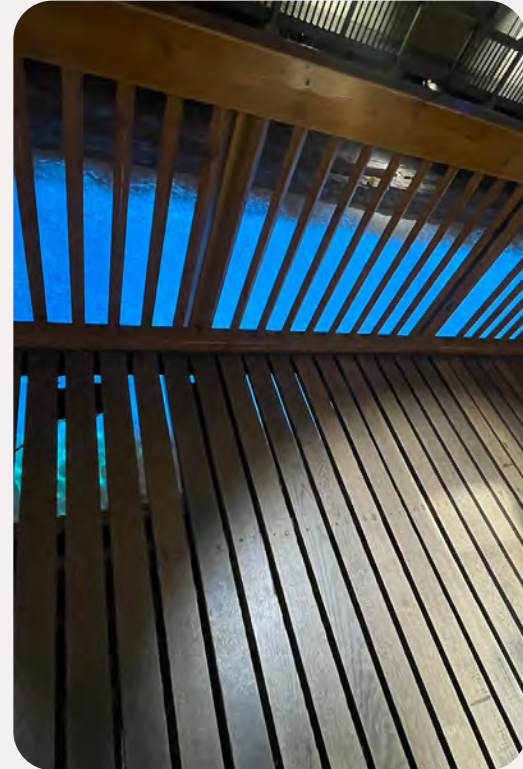


**There is a wooden walkway that allows you to look down on the baths.**



**Open the gate to go onto the wooden bridge. You can ask for help if needed.**

**The walkway is safe. It is slatted and has gaps.**



# Video and sounds



**The video shows you about the Roman Baths.**

**You can sit down on the benches and watch the video.**



**All of the video content is silent.  
We have a portable induction loop available at the front desk.**



# Things you can touch



You can touch and try on replica Roman items.



Be careful and listen to your adult.



# Hot and cold pools



In this area you will see evidence of underfloor heating, and small pools - that contained hot and cold water.

Coloured lighting is used to illustrate and lights up different areas at different times.

No running or climbing is allowed - please stay with your adult.



# Things you can touch



You can press the buttons and listen.

You can touch the stone walls.



Have a look at all the information boards.





# Touch screens



Look at the screens.



You can touch the screen  
to start the video



# Gift shop



We have a small shop where you can purchase souvenirs.

