

Thank you for joining us for a tour of the Drop Redoubt on the Western Heights in Dover. We hope that your visit will be an enjoyable one, and we have a few pointers here to help your tour be as safe and as comfortable as it can be.

Finding the Site and Parking

The Fort itself is along Drop Redoubt Road, postcode CT17 9DZ for sat nav users! However, we kindly ask that you ***please do not park along Drop Redoubt Road*** as it will prevent access to emergency vehicles, should that necessity arise.

Parking is available in St. Martin's car park along South Military Road CT17 9DW, which is only a few minutes' walk from Drop Redoubt Road.

Once you are in Drop Redoubt Road, follow it until you come to a fork in the road with a cattle grid to your right and a small slope on your left. Take the small slope to your left and follow the pathway until you come to a small tunnel on your left. *Please do not go through this tunnel*; please wait here for your tour guide.

Staying Safe

Please remember that the Drop Redoubt is well over 200 years old in parts and has been abandoned since the 1950s. It is not a health and safety sanitised site, and there are many uneven surfaces as well as stairs throughout the tour. For this reason, *we strongly recommend sensible footwear*.

There are lights in the fort, but you are very welcome to bring a torch if you wish to do so.

Please listen to any instructions given to you by your tour guide and stay with the group throughout the tour. There are steep banks and drops on the upper levels of the fort; please do not climb on them or walk near them. If you have children with you, please ensure that you supervise them at all times and do not let them climb on the grass banks or walls.

No smoking is allowed within the fort or its grounds.

Other Information

You are welcome to bring a dog with you, but we ask that they are kept on a lead throughout the tour.

Unfortunately, there are no toilets or refreshments on site.

We anticipate the tour to last between 2 and 2 ½ hours. If you wish to visit the Grand Shaft on the same day, please note it is open between 10am and 4pm. If you have a place on the 11am tour, you are very welcome to visit after seeing the Drop Redoubt. People on the 2pm tour are more than welcome to see the Grand Shaft prior to the Drop Redoubt tour; please allow yourselves time to get back up the hill!

Tours are free, as are visits to the Grand Shaft. Donations to the Western Heights Preservation Society are always very welcome. Unfortunately, we are only able to take cash at the time of the tour itself, but you are very welcome to make donations via our JustGiving page on our website.

<https://gofund.me/4980a2b7>

We hope you enjoy your visit!

Western Heights Preservation Society