



Educational Trail: Information for Teachers

How to use the Newhaven Fort Educational Trail

Introduction

- We have created this trail to help you explore Newhaven Fort with your pupils and to provide some structure to your self-directed visit.
- This trail is for use by small groups (up to 10) of Key Stage 2 pupils with their teachers and adult helpers.
- Allow 1-1.5 hours to complete the trail.
- There is no writing required – the trail includes suggestions of things your pupils can look for, think about and imagine.
- The things to think about are intended to be prompts for discussion – there are not necessarily any right or wrong answers.
- You might want to record each trail stop with your pupils using a digital camera or a phone.
- The trail questions should be read aloud by either a pupil, teacher or adult helper.
- The trail is designed to be done in a circular route round the fort but it does not matter where you start. Please organise your visit so that groups all start on different trail points to avoid overcrowding in exhibitions.
- You should also include a visit to the *Theatre*. In here is our 8-minute introductory film giving a brief history of the Fort. The film runs at 10-minute intervals throughout the day. It can be run with subtitles if required. Please speak to a member of staff on the day of your visit to organise this.
- Please print the trail and bring it with you.
- There are 9 stops on the trail:
 - History of the Fort (indoor)
 - Life in the Fort (indoor)
 - Sussex Sea & Air (indoor)
 - Dieppe & D-Day (indoor)
 - The Home Front (indoor)
 - Grand Magazine (indoor)
 - Observer Posts (outdoor)
 - Caponier (indoor – stepped access)
 - First World War (indoor)



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Trail stops

- **History of the Fort**
Newhaven Fort is the largest work of defence ever built in Sussex and was the last of the many defences that have been built here since pre-Roman times. In this exhibition you can discover how the present fort was built, who built it and how it was armed.
- **Life in the Fort**
This exhibition introduces you to life in the Victorian army, from recruitment to the barrack room. Learn about the uniforms, the long hours spent polishing and the sporting endeavours of the average British soldier.
- **Sussex Sea & Air**
In this exhibition you will learn about the ships and aircraft that have helped defend the coastline throughout history, as well as some of the people that worked on them.
- **Dieppe and D-Day**
The ill-fated Dieppe raid of 1942 and the Normandy landings of 1944 have particular relevance to the story of Newhaven's Second World War.

Explore the town's involvements with these momentous events, discover why the Canadian involvement in the Dieppe Raid is still remembered today and listen to the poignant memories of the survivors. Please note that the film shown in the Dieppe Raid section of this exhibition does show original newsreel footage from the raid itself, including images of bodies on beaches. These images are not graphic and are intended to illustrate the realities of war.

- **The Home Front**
You can't tell the story of the Second World War without mentioning the impact it had on everyday life in Britain and this exhibition, one of the biggest at Newhaven Fort, does just that.

There is much to experience here. You can walk through a blitzed street and see how people tried to protect themselves and their homes. You can also listen to local people retelling their wartime experiences, discover the changing role of women, learn about the many restrictions on civilian life, consider what it was like to be an evacuee, and see how little you would have to eat – but at least the diet was healthy!



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- **The Grand Magazine**

The original gunpowder store for the Victorian fort, the Grand Magazine now houses two exhibitions. In one you can learn about gunpowder, how it is made and how careful you have to be in storing and handling it! The other is our *Hidden Fort* film, taking you on a tour of some parts of the fort that are no longer accessible to the public.

- **Observation Posts**

The Battery Observation Post was built around 1902 and was the nerve centre of the fort. Here the coast was watched for enemy movements and in the event of an enemy attack would have commanded the guns and defence of the fort.

Throughout the Second World War the Royal Observer Corps post at Newhaven was manned for 24 hours a day. The post that occupies the highest point of the fort now was moved from Hampshire to Newhaven Fort by former ROC members in 1996.

- **Caponier**

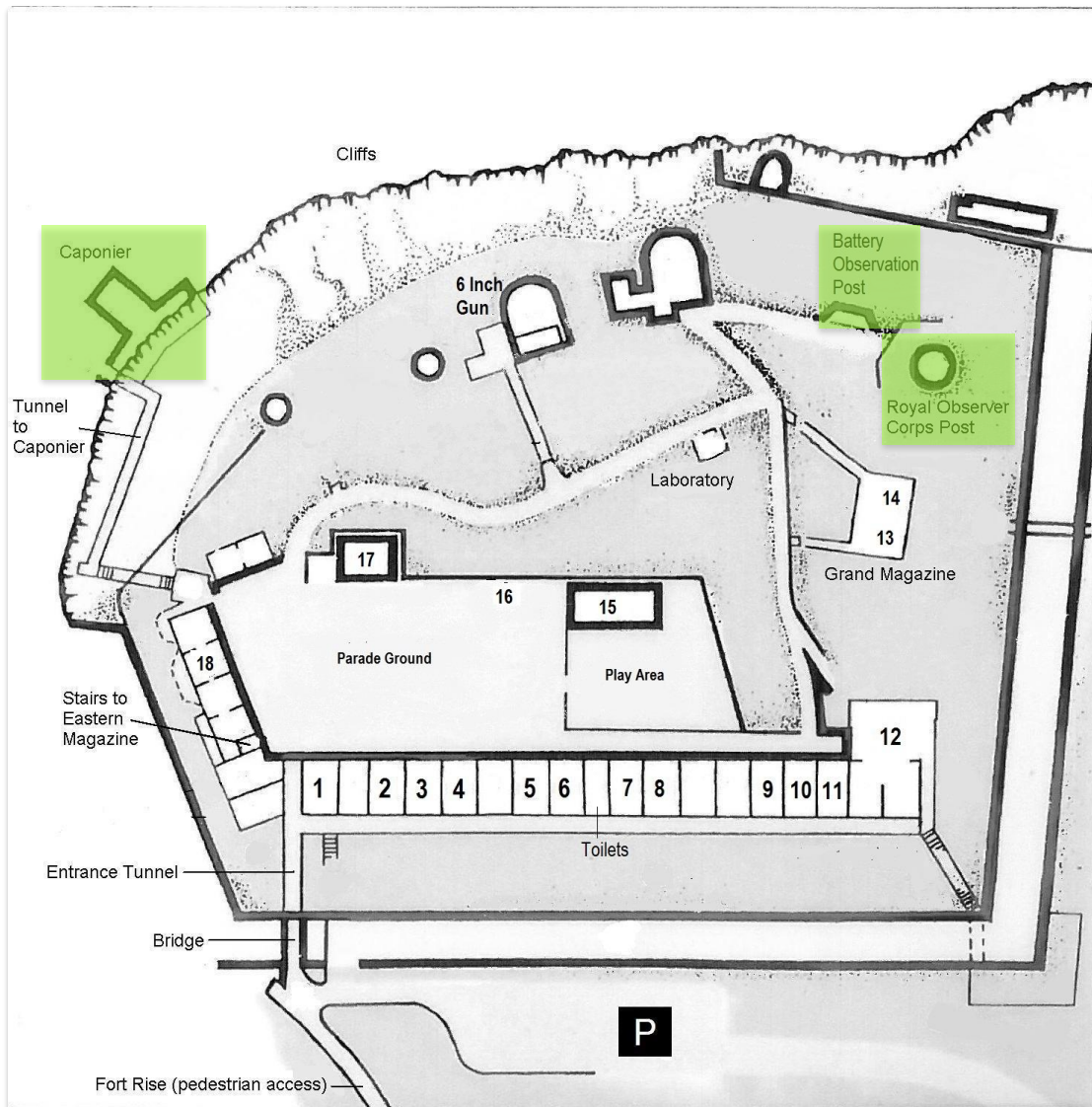
Steps lead down through the cliff to the Caponier which was a defensive position covering the beach and the line of the cliffs. This stop is not suitable for students with mobility issues due to the number of steps. However, the *Hidden Fort* film in the Grand Magazine does include a section on the Caponier so pupils who cannot use the steps can see it for themselves.

- **The First World War**

The First World War stands out as a war like no other, before or since. It is remembered for many different reasons – the loss of life and destruction, the trenches and new weapon technology, the home front and the role of women, the music and poetry, remembrance and how the war affected lives and changed the face of the world and the course of history forever. All these aspects are explored in this highly-praised exhibition.

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Plan of the site



1	Shop	7	Sussex Sea & Air	13	The Hidden Fort
2	Theatre	8	Sussex Yeomanry	14	Gunpowder Store
3	The Lost Fort	9	ROC Nuclear Defence	15	Romney Hut
4	History of the Fort	10	ROC World War Two	16	Emergency Assembly
5	Life in the Fort	11	Dieppe & D-Day	17	Tea Room
6	Activity Centre	12	The Home Front	18	First World War

Trail stops highlighted in green.