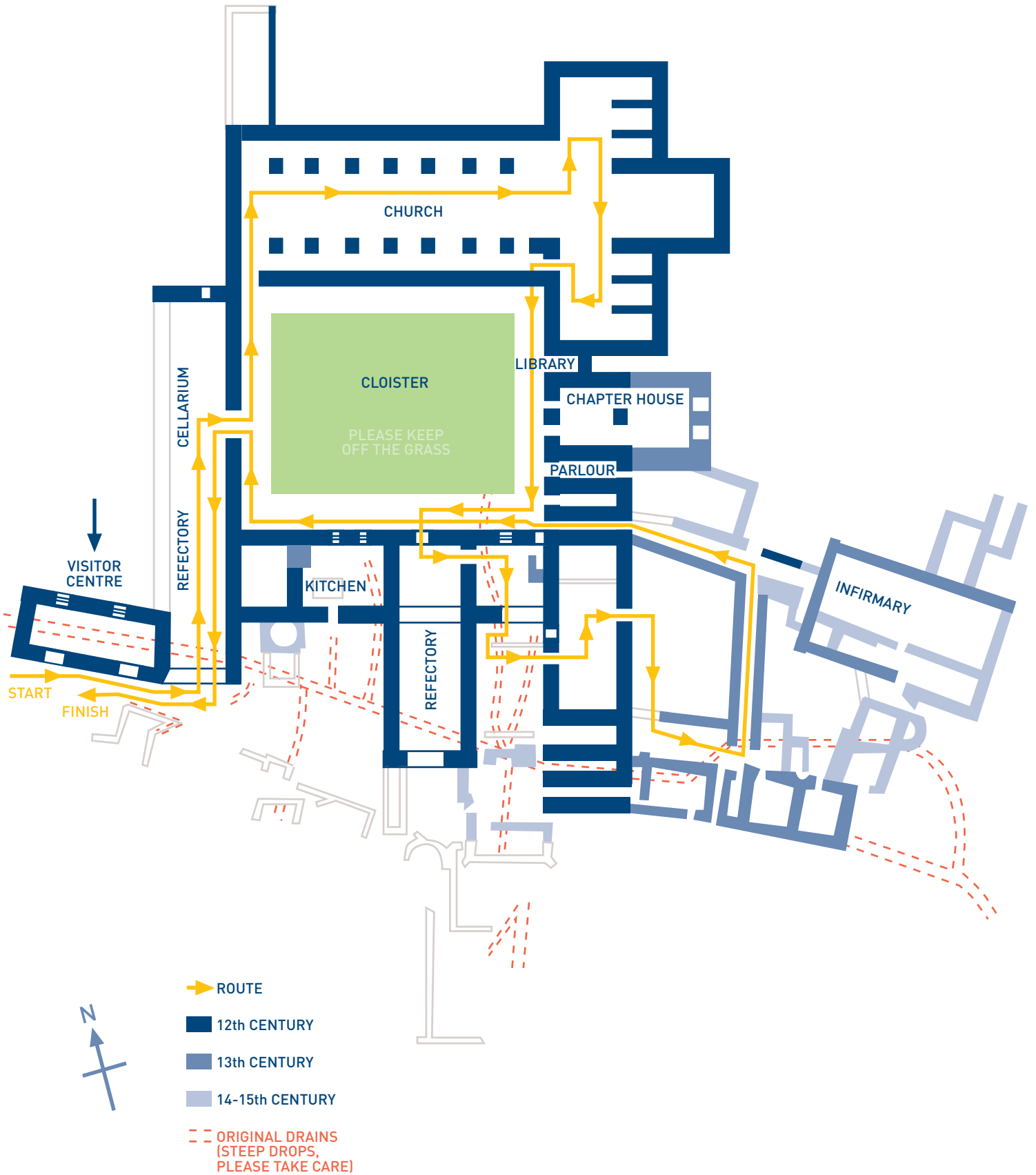




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### KIRKSTALL ABBEY HEALTH AND SAFETY/HAZARD INFORMATION

We have done everything possible to make these ruins safe, accessible and enjoyable for all our visitors while being sensitive to the Ancient Scheduled Monument Status of the site. However;

#### FOR YOUR SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT;



#### **The abbey remains must not be climbed under any circumstances.**

Please be aware that the ruinous condition of the site presents many climbing and tripping hazards. Walls are rough and contain uneven and sharp stones. Floor and ground surfaces are uneven and worn, and where exposed to the elements can be wet and slippery.



#### **Children must be closely supervised at all times.**

You must ensure that the children with you keep to the safe areas and are not allowed to climb on any part of the building, and are kept away from the drainage channels.

**Take care of where you are walking at all times.**



#### **Concealed Hazards**

Please be aware that the open drainage channels on site are unfenced with steep drops. Dips and hollows may conceal exposed stonework. Darkened areas may conceal tripping hazards.



#### **Natural Hazards**

All the trees on our sites are inspected annually. However, storm damage can sometimes affect the stability of apparently healthy trees and branches. Some grassy areas may be slippery.



#### **Changing Conditions**

Please be aware that the conditions at historic sites may change rapidly, and that you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Ongoing conservation work on site may restrict access at times.

#### **Emergency**

In case of emergency, please contact a Visitor Assistant who patrol the site regularly and can also be contacted at the Visitor Centre.

#### **Kirkstall Abbey is an Ancient Scheduled Monument**

This means that it is a criminal offence to;

- damage the Abbey Site by carrying out works without consent
- cause reckless or deliberate damage
- use a metal detector or remove an object found with one without a licence from English Heritage

Conviction for these offences can lead to fines.

#### **The Schedule of Monuments**

'Scheduling' is the process through which nationally important sites and monuments are given legal protection by being placed on a list, or 'schedule'. English Heritage takes the lead in identifying sites in England which should be placed on the schedule by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. A schedule has been kept since 1882 of monuments whose preservation is given priority over other land uses.