

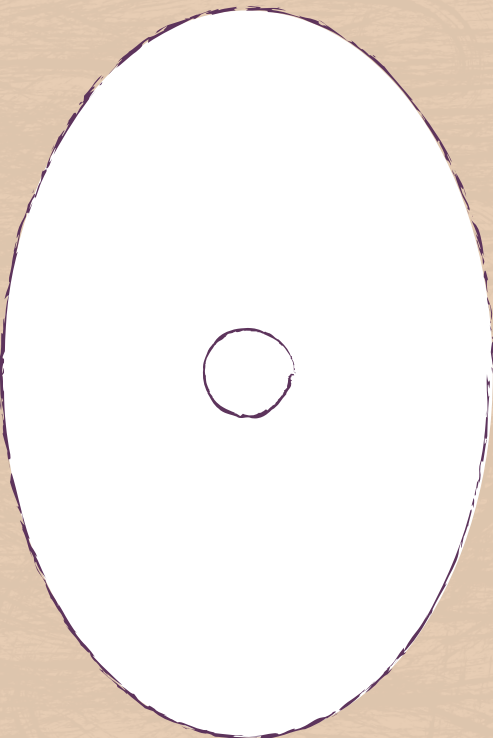
EXPLORE THE RECONSTRUCTED WEST GATE



See the many different shield designs upstairs, then create your own here:

Include as much detail as you want.

Soldiers' shields had all kinds of unique signs and symbols.



ARBEIA
SOUTH SHIELDS ROMAN FORT



Here are some fun facts and activities to help you explore the **WEST GATE!**



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The West Gate

was a look-out point. Look around at the local landscape. Do you think you would have been able to see the sea and river?

Why was this location a good place for a fort?

LOOK
OUT!



The ditches below helped defend the fort. Draw or list the weapons that the soldiers would have used to fight off attackers.

LOOK
DOWN!



Draw in the north, south and east gates. What could you have seen from each gate 2,000 years ago?

LOOK
ACROSS!



LOOK
AROUND!



There were round houses here long before the Romans arrived. They were made of wattle and daub, with thatched roofs.

Roman buildings were very different. What materials did they use? What shapes can you see?

The
West
Gate

