

Preparing for your trip to the WNC . . .

Trail Groups

To maximize your educational time with us we ask that you have your student trail groups prepared in advance. We will initially split your school into two groups for the sit down portion of the show. Then from those two groups, we will make smaller trail groups for our hike in the preserve. We will typically have four trail groups leaving from each of the two staging areas. If your group is 75 students or more, we will try to have five trail groups from each staging area to make the groups smaller. You can e-mail me the week of your show if you want to know how many trail groups we will use that day. Please note, 75 students often feels rushed. It is hard to finish our 80 minute show with such large groups. Also if you could have name tags for your students that helps our trail leading docents manage their group more efficiently.



Directions

W.H.S. 2551 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd., Roseville

[Google Map to Woodcreek High School](#)

Note the yellow trail lines on above map!

Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your scheduled program time at the bus loading zone in front of Woodcreek High School (just past the Aquatics Complex parking lot) and walk your students North toward the Roseville Aquatics Complex adjacent to the school. On the north side of the Aquatics Complex is a parking lot and bike trail. The bike trail will take you out to the Woodcreek Nature Center (if you arrive at picnic area and tennis courts, you are in the right place). We will pick you up at the tennis courts and escort you to the WNC. You can leave your lunch supplies at the picnic area. If you are coming by car, there is a parking lot to the north of the Aquatics Complex that is close to the bike trail and you can park there. If our parking lots are full, you can park at the Roseville

Utility Exploration Center/Mahany Park Complex (corner of Woodcreek Oaks and Pleasant Grove) and take the trail from the back of the complex to the picnic area across the creek.

Chaperones

We expect you to have one adult chaperone for every ten kids. There should be one chaperone/ teacher available to accompany each trail group on the hike. Teachers please inform your parents that the docents are high school student interns in an educational program and they are “practicing” the art of teaching. I

Lunch or Snack Time

Docents will meet you at the picnic area and escort you out to the preserve when you arrive. You can leave your lunch items at the picnic site. Only once in 20 years has anyone tampered with the lunches, so they should be safe. If another class is using the picnic tables, there are plenty of grassy knolls around the tennis courts on which to sit and eat. We do not have any food or beverage items for sale here.

Restrooms

There aren't any drinking fountains or restrooms along the path. However, there are drinking fountains, and garbage cans near the picnic site which is our pick up and drop off spot. There is one porta potty by the tennis courts. Students can eat lunch at the end of the field trip at the picnic tables behind the Roseville Aquatics Complex. **Teachers/ chaperones are responsible for supervising students that are using the restrooms.** It also helps if you arrive early and ensure everyone has visited the restroom before your program begins so we can start as soon as possible.

Clothing

You will be outdoors the entire time you are with us, so be dressed for the appropriate weather for that day. Tell students and parents that they will be walking on a dirty and possibly muddy path, so they should wear appropriate shoes and clothes for that. If the weather is rainy, the kids can wear galoshes and bring umbrellas and jackets. When the weather is very hot at the end of May, it is necessary for the kids to bring water bottles with them as there are no drinking fountains on the trail. Hats and umbrellas also work to keep them cooler on those hot days. Again, we really appreciate when you have your students and chaperones wear name tags too.

Rainy Weather

We have done our shows under sprinkles and down pours. Sprinkles we can deal with—bring umbrellas, or rain ponchos/garbage bags. The heavy rain just makes

everyone miserable and the animals take cover too, so it is just best to cancel on those days.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me or call (771-6565 ext. 4503) the morning of your tour and we can make a final decision before you head onto the bus. I think we have had one class every year that ends up out on the trail when the sky unloads on us. I sometimes have a couple of dates available for rain makeup days for those that want to reschedule.

Late Arrivals

If you arrive late (we have many schools arrive 15-20 min. late for the early program), we will need to drop some part of the program to be able to end on time. You can help us decide what to eliminate from the show that day. I want you to be happy and sometimes I drop the puppet show and then the teachers are mad that the kids didn't get to see it. Sometimes I don't drop anything and rush the kids from station to station and then the teachers are upset about how fast we went. So, if you arrive late, be prepared to miss something in the program and you can help decide what we eliminate from our regular program.

End of Program Evaluations

The entire program takes about an hour and 10 minutes. We will escort you back to the picnic area at that time and you are welcome to stay and have lunch if you wish.

The docents will give you and the chaperones an evaluation at the end of the tour to complete. I use the evaluations to help me determine the students' grades, so please be accurate and honest when filling them out. Also, if you have suggestions to help us improve, please tell us on that form. I have received some great suggestions from visitors over the years. We want to keep improving and with your help, we will.

Journals

Students can make a [field journal](#) to write observations on during their hike if you wish. The [animal tracks](#) images could be included as a page in the k-3rd students' journals. Remind them to have pencils.

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