

outdoor guidelines

Here are helpful tips for exploring the great outdoors at Fernbank Museum with your school group.

- Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a chaperone. A minimum of 1 chaperone for every 10 students is required.
- Outdoor exhibitions and pathways are open rain or shine but may be closed in the event of dangerous conditions. Please plan and dress appropriately for the weather.
- All guests are encouraged to use sunscreen and insect repellent and are also encouraged to bring water.
- Food and drinks, other than water, are not permitted in WildWoods and Fernbank Forest. Your group may enjoy lunch on the front lawn, the Dinosaur Plaza, the terrace or in the Great Hall.
- There are no restrooms, water or trash facilities in Fernbank Forest. Groups are encouraged to plan accordingly. Restrooms are available inside the Museum and at the Kendeda Education Pavilion located in WildWoods.
- Dispose of waste and recyclables in proper receptacles inside the Museum. All items carried outdoors—in both WildWoods and Fernbank Forest—must be carried back with your group.
- The natural world is home to stinging insects, poison ivy and snakes. For your safety, please stay on trails. If participating in a guided outdoor program, alert Museum instructor of severe allergies to poison ivy and/or stinging insects.
- Leave the natural environment for everyone to enjoy. Do not remove or handle natural items or living things. Do not wade or swim in creeks, ponds or water features. Guests are required to stay on marked pathways to protect natural habitats.
- Fernbank Forest closes at 4:30pm, and the Museum closes at 5pm. Please plan your visit accordingly. It takes 10-15 minutes to walk directly from the Fernbank Forest gate to the Museum terrace.
- **Please Note:** Fernbank is a nicotine-free campus. Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is not allowed on or around the Museum campus and parking lots.



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