



Self-Guided Field Trip Planning for Educators

Come discover the wonder of nature on our 200-acre outdoor classroom! Whether a self-guided visit is a complement to your already scheduled naturalist-led program, or you want to lead your own day-long outing, we want to provide you with the tools to feel confident and comfortable while on campus. If you have additional questions, please email us anytime at naturecenter@indiancreeknaturecenter.org.


Exploring Campus

Self-guided activities are planned and guided by you - allowing flexibility to focus on areas of interest for your students. Splitting into small groups of 10-12 allows for larger groups to explore campus on a rotation. Students visiting indoor spaces must be accompanied by an adult from your group.

Activities may include:

- casual hike (be sure to bring your trail map!)
- outdoor games or free play
- explore our certified outdoor classroom, Hazelnut Hideaway
- conduct a nature-based scavenger hunt
- explore indoor exhibits and the Bird Room (fully accessible)
- meditative walk in our labyrinth
- nature journaling

 Restrooms, water bottle filling station, first aid and AED are available inside Amazing Space during open hours.

 How to prepare/what to bring: Dress for the weather! Sturdy shoes for hiking, layers, hat/sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended based on the season. A reusable water bottle is highly recommended for each person.






Picnic Lunch

We welcome all groups to stay for lunch on campus (weather permitting). If you would like to reserve an outdoor space such as our pavilion or patio, please let us know prior to your arrival. Please note that we are not able to accommodate indoor dining. All groups are asked to carry-in/carry-out waste and leave no trace. Compost receptacles are located in our exhibit hall, which you are welcome to use.

Weather

The majority of your time on campus will be spent outdoors, so please advise everyone to dress for the weather! In the event of heavy rain or thunderstorms, please have a backup plan in mind. Your weather plan may differ based on your group size and schedule. Our staff are always willing to help determine what might work best depending on your situation. Classroom space is not available for self-guided activities.

Time spent in nature with your class:

-  Supports children's creativity and imagination
-  Reinforces concepts taught in the classroom
-  Provides a refreshing change of pace
-  Allows for unique class bonding
-  Allows for free-play and exploration in new settings

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