

Plan a Sandburg Home Group Visit

National Park Service
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Carl Sandburg Home
National Historic Site



- Group reservations are recommended for groups with a minimum of 10 persons and a maximum of 60 persons per visit. Groups will be split into rotations of 15 persons each.
- Reservations may only be made Monday – Friday. Weekend visits are subject to first come first serve policy. Please call ahead if you are planning a weekend visit.
- Please submit the request form at least three weeks before your visit. Spring and Fall season reservations can fill 6-8 weeks in advance, so plan early.
- There is a \$5.00 charge for house tours for adults. \$3.00 for adults over age 62 and free for youth 15 and younger. Fee waivers are only granted to education organizations and therapeutic groups.



Things to do at Carl Sandburg Home NHS

House Tour

Experience how the Sandburg family lived as a National Park Service Ranger or park volunteer guides you through the house. **Please remember tours are limited to 15 persons (no exceptions).**

Visiting the Barn

Park volunteers at the barn are happy to answer any questions your group may have about Mrs. Sandburg's Chikaming goatherd.

Audio-Visual Room

Your trip to Connemara would not be complete without seeing our video of an interview between Mr. Sandburg and Edward R. Murrow. It is approximately 12 minutes in length

Hiking

There are numerous trails at Connemara, which vary in length and difficulty. Please allow time for your group to explore this beautiful setting. We encourage you to pick up a map at the park bookstore when planning your hike.

Bookstore

Eastern National, in cooperation with the National Park Service, maintains a bookstore with a great variety of educational materials about Carl Sandburg, the natural environment, the civil war, and literature for young people

Accessibility

Please assess your group's ability to experience the site. Accommodations have been made when possible and include:

- A 12-passenger shuttle helps visitors with the .3 mile walk over 100' elevation change from the restroom near the parking lot. To get to the shuttle visitors must be able to walk or travel with a mobility device from the parking lot down a short trail to the shuttle stop.
- A lift at the Sandburg Home assists visitors who are unable to walk up the front stairs to access the second level.
- Groups should anticipate up to ¼ mile of walking or travel with a mobility device even with these accessibility accommodations.
- More accessibility information can be found on our [website](#).

First Come First Served Policy

When no reservations are possible, the availability of tours for your group will be based on the number of public tour tickets available for purchase at the time of your arrival to the park. With this in mind, please be sure to see the ranger in the park bookstore as soon as you arrive to acquire your tickets for the next available tour. There is no guarantee, without formal reservations, that your group will be able to tour the house together or in the time you have allotted for your visit.

The only day of the year there is no scheduled tour is Christmas day.

GROUP RESERVATION FORM

Requestors Name:	Todays Date:
Group Name:	Age Range:
Address:	
Phone:	Secondary Phone:
E-mail:	

Requested date to visit: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

of Adults (age 16-61): _____ # of Adults (age 62 and older) _____ # of youth (15 and under) _____

Planned Time of Arrival in parking lot: _____

Does your group have any special needs (needs the shuttle from parking lot, would like to eat lunch on site, etc...) _____

Select your requested activities below:

Select at least as many activities as you have rotations. Example: 45 visitors will need at least 3 activities scheduled; they will be divided into 3 rotations of 15 each.

Activities

- House Tour (45 minutes)
- Barn visit (30 minutes)
- Hike (30 minutes)
- Video and Bookstore (30 minutes)

Notes:

- Reserved tours are scheduled every 30 minutes on the quarter hour.
- To calculate how much time to plan for, add up selected activities and an additional 30 minutes for your itinerary.
- If you only have a short time you may opt for a barn and video visit only.

Sample Schedule with 3 rotations:

Rotation	Arrive in parking lot	House Tour 45 min	Barn Tour 30 min	Video/Bookstore 30 min	End of rotations	Guide
A	10:00	10:15	11:00	11:30	12:00	Ranger
B	10:00	10:45	11:30	10:15	12:00	Ranger
C	10:00	11:15	10:15	10:45	12:00	Ranger

Fax completed forms to: Education Coordinator at (828)-693-4179

Sample Visit Itinerary

based on sample rotation schedule above:

- I. **Arrival**
 - A. 10:00 am in main parking lot
 - B. Assign each person to a rotation (providing the itinerary to at least one person in each rotation is a good idea)
 - C. bathroom stop
 - D. walk up hill or ride 12-passenger shuttle

- II. **Rotations begin**
 - A. 1st rotation starts 10:15 am

- III. **Conclusion**
 - A. Last Rotation ends 12:00 pm
 - B. Return to busses/transportation by 12:15 pm

- IV. **Lunch (optional)**
 - A. carry in, carry out encouraged; limited trash services
 - B. no concessions at park
 - C. no place to store food; busses and coolers suggested
 - D. Picnic area, amphitheater or house garage only, please be careful of litter

How to Apply for a Fee Waiver

To apply for a fee waiver you must be a qualified education or therapeutic organization. You may write a letter to the park superintendent, Connie Backlund, on your organization's letterhead. Please state the learning or therapeutic objectives of your visit. For example, "*Students will be able to name two issues which permeated Sandburg's poetry after touring the home of Carl Sandburg.*" Your letter must be received and approved **before** visiting the park.

If approved, the house tour fee will be waived for any adult and youth who visit with your group. You will be notified by e-mail, mail or phone as to the approval or denial of the fee waiver and in some cases the need for more specific objectives before the fee waiver can be approved.

You may fax your fee waiver request to: (828) 693-4179 or mail it to:

Carl Sandburg Home NHS
Attn: Fee Waiver Request
81 Carl Sandburg Lane
Flat Rock, NC 28731