



Plan for Success: Field Trip Behavioral Expectations

Leave what you find. Please leave all plants, rocks, animals, and historical artifacts where they are.

Reasons:

- Collecting is illegal at all National Park Service sites.
- Flowers/cones contain seeds for new plants.
- Rocks provide homes for animals.
- Animals cannot survive away from their home.
- If you leave it, others can enjoy it later.

Pack it in, pack it out. Please take all trash (including food) out with you and dispose of it properly.

Reasons:

- Litter can kill animals if they eat it.
- If you leave it, others will have to clean up after you.
- It can take decades for your litter to break down.

Stay on the trail. Please follow your leader and walk single file on trails or rocks. Stay away from edges.

Reasons:

- Our soil is alive, and if you step on it you will kill the organisms living in it.
- You will be less likely to scare wildlife.
- You will not trample plants.

Respect all wildlife. Please keep a safe distance from all wildlife and do not feed any animals.

Reasons:

- Colorado National Monument is their home. We need to be good guests.
- If animals get used to being fed, they will not be able to find food for themselves.
- Human food can make animals sick.
- The animals here are wild, and their behavior is unpredictable.

Respect other visitors. Do not throw rocks. Use quiet voices. *Let nature's sounds be heard.*

Reasons:

- We are not the only visitors in the park, and we want everyone to have a good experience here.

Teachers should remember to bring:

- Nametags for each student

- List of students in class and their emergency numbers
- Students' medical information and any medications needed (especially allergies, epipens, etc.)
- Telephone number of the school site/bus company

Each student should bring/wear:

- Water Bottle
- Backpack
- Sunscreen
- A Pen or pencil
- Clothes for outside activities appropriate for the weather.
- CLOSED TOED shoes (not even hiking sandals)



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Final Checklist for Teachers

Did you.....

- Make a Reservation using the “Outreach Education Request Form” at least 3 weeks before the trip?
- Order a bus?
- Submit an Academic Fee Waiver, at least 2 weeks before trip?
- Get parental permission slips and/or follow other school protocol?
- Prepare students?
 - Discuss the Behavioral Expectations.
 - Discuss what every student should bring.
 - Download and complete Pre-visit Activities (if applicable).
 - Download and make student copies of the journal (4th grade).
 - Pencils are needed if students have field journals.
- The day of the field trip:
 - Please make sure everyone has a nametag.