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United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service
Carl Sandburg Home
National Historic Site
81 Carl Sandburg Lane
Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731-8635



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Dear Group Leader:

Thank you for inquiring about group reservations at Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. This 240-acre estate epitomizes the simplicity of life enjoyed by the Sandburg family for 22 years in Flat Rock, North Carolina. The following information will help you plan your visit and make your time here as enjoyable as the Sandburg's:

Group reservations can be made for groups having a minimum of 10 persons, maximum of 60 persons. Please contact the park at least three weeks in advance. Dates are available year-round, Monday through Friday.

There is a \$5.00 charge for each adult 16 years and older, \$3.00 for adults 62 years and older, *to tour the house*. There is no charge for visitors younger than 16 years of age; there is no fee to tour the grounds. Fee waivers may be granted to groups visiting from an educational or therapeutic institution.

Confirmation: Your group is only confirmed if you receive confirmation and reservation materials by mail or e-mail from the reservation staff. This will be sent to the contact person specified by your agency within two weeks of the agreed upon tour date.

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.

When planning your visit, please keep in mind the average visitor spends two and one-half hours at "Connemara." During the months of June through October, you can expect public tours to run on the hour and on the half-hour beginning at 9:30am and ending at 4:30pm. November through May, there is one tour an hour, which runs on the half-hour beginning at 9:30am and ending at 4:30. The only day of the year there is no scheduled tour is Christmas day.

The following is a peek at some of the activities available at the park. The House Tour is the only “guided” activity, although, to avoid congestion in other areas of the park it is advised that your group split into smaller groups when visiting the barn, bookstore, and audio/visual room.

House Tour: Mr. Carl Sandburg and his family lived in this house from 1945 until Mr. Sandburg’s death in 1967. They lived a simple life and surrounded themselves with things with which they were comfortable. 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.**

Visiting the Barn: Mrs. Sandburg owned and operated the Chikaming Goat Dairy. At its peak there were over 200 goats at Connemara! Mrs. Sandburg’s goats were renowned for their quality milk production and superior breeding. Park volunteers at the barn are happy to answer any questions your group may have about Mrs. Sandburg’s Chikaming goatherd. **Please limit your group to 15 when visiting the barn.**

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: Mr. Sandburg used to take his chair out to some of the rock outcroppings along the trail to sit and write or just to sit. He enjoyed observing his natural surroundings. 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.

Ranger Programs: During the months of June through October National Park Service rangers give 30 minute programs about a myriad of Sandburg related topics from bird walks to cultural landscape walks, cheese making demonstrations to sharing the letters of Carl and Paula Sandburg. Please check with the ranger at the park bookstore for the times and topics of these programs.

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. Please set some time aside to investigate the resources available for continued learning in these areas.

Thank you for considering Carl Sandburg National Historic Site as a destination for your visit to western North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Park Reservation Staff



GROUP RESERVATIONS REQUEST FORM

Person completing form: _____ Today's date: _____

Requested date: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

** Note: Reservations must be made at least three weeks in advance*

of 16 yrs. or less: _____ **# of Adults:** _____ **# of 62 yrs. or older:** _____

Total # Participants: _____ (*Note: Max. 60 persons*)

Does your group have any special needs: _____

Program Requested:

House, Barn and Grounds: Enjoy a guided tour through the Home of Famous American Poet Carl Sandburg with a National Park Ranger or Volunteer Park Guide. Spend some time visiting the barn where Mrs. Sandburg raise world champion goats. Watch a video of Edward R. Murrow interviewing Carl Sandburg.

Barns and Grounds Only: Visit Connemara Farm, where Mrs. Sandburg raised world champion goats! Also enjoy the grounds and walking trails of Carl Sandburg Home NHS.

Group Leader's Name:	
Organizations Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Secondary Phone:
E-mail:	

Please be reminded that this form does NOT confirm your visit. The Park's Reservation Staff will be contacting you shortly regarding your request.

Please send completed forms to the Education Coordinator via fax at (828)-693-4179 or email Sabrina_Diaz@nps.gov

