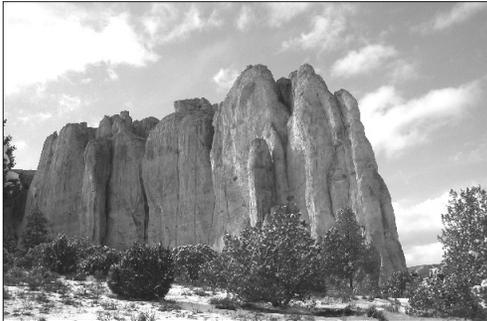




Preparing for Your School Visit



Visiting El Morro

Thank you for choosing to visit El Morro National Monument! A combination of hundreds of years of human history and millions of years of natural wonders can make this a truly educational experience for you and your students. The goals of the National Park Service concerning your visit are to protect the unique resources of El Morro and to help provide a safe and educational setting for your students. To do this, we will need your help. By planning ahead and being prepared for what to expect when you're here, a school visit can be enjoyable as well as educational for all.

Before you arrive

Preparation is key to a successful school visit. Before you attempt to obtain a school reservation, you need to secure the required number of adults to accompany your students: one adult per seven students. This ratio will be adhered to strictly. To apply for a reservation, contact El Morro National Monument.

If you are provided a reservation, we expect that your visit will be educational in nature. Please ensure that your students understand what

El Morro is before you arrive. Some suggested topics to study include Ancestral Puebloan history, petroglyphs and pictographs, Spanish history in New Mexico, American pioneers, geology of the Southwest, and plants and animals of the Southwest.

Give us a call and we will be happy to mail you a loan copy of our trail guide to assist with your preparation. Please review the rules and safety regulations with your students before arriving.

While you are here

When you arrive and before you begin your hike, a short orientation will be conducted by a staff member. During the orientation we will discuss the significance of El Morro National Monument, as well as all safety and resource protection regulations. So that you and your students will be prepared, the regulations are as follows:

- Stay on the trail at all times. There are steep drop-offs on top of the mesa and staying on the trail ensures your safety. Also, sensitive biological soils are destroyed when trampled by walking off-trail.
- There is no food or drink allowed in the visitor

center, although we encourage students to take water on the trail. Please no chewing gum.

- A maximum of ten students will be allowed in the bookstore at one time, accompanied by at least one adult. Please save purchases until after your hike; we cannot hold your packages behind the desk.

- No more than four students at a time will be allowed in each restroom.

Please remind your students that there will be other visitors on the trail, and to please respect their desire to visit El Morro in a peaceful manner.

For more information

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have, and to help you plan your visit. Please contact

us at (505) 783-4226 or write HC 61 Box 43, Ramah, NM 87321.