



## Planning for a Successful Field Trip

### *Self Guided Visit to Fort Necessity*

Thank you for reserving a self-guided visit to Fort Necessity National Battlefield. To help ensure you and your students have a safe and enjoyable time please read this brochure. See you when you arrive!

#### **Guidelines for Student to Chaperones Ratio**

The following guidelines, based on the age and grade level of the students, will be used in determining an appropriate number of chaperones eligible for a fee waiver.

- 1:5 for elementary school students
- 1:8 for middle school students
- 1:12 for high school students
- 1:20 for college students

All groups are allowed two adults free of charge. Any additional chaperones will be required to pay the per person charge as applicable.

#### **Beginning your visit**

You should begin your program at the visitor center. Please stop there to check in and turn in your *Entrance Fee Waiver Form*. The park ranger at the desk can help you plan your visit. The teacher(s), bus driver(s), students and some chaperones are free. See the above guidelines for the number of free chaperones. Additional chaperones are \$5.00 per person.

#### **Resources available**

- **Orientation film.** The park has a 20 minute orientation film about the French and Indian War and the National Road.
- **Exhibits.** The French and Indian War exhibits and the National Road exhibits in the new visitor center will be open to your group.
- **Reconstructed Fort.** You may walk to the reconstructed fort.
- **Bookstore.** Our bookstore has many books, toys and gifts.

#### **Lunches**

The visitor center has picnic tables available for use by the students. If the weather is bad, the students will be allowed to eat on the floor in the visitor center lobby. Students and adults should bring a lunch and drink or make arrangements for box lunches. No refrigeration is provided for the lunches.

#### **Other groups**

You may be visiting at a busy time and at the same time as guided field trip groups. There could be guided groups in the bookstore, in the exhibits or at the fort. Please be courteous and wait until they have moved on before entering an area.

#### **Rest rooms**

The public rest rooms are located at the visitor center.

#### **Cancellation**

If for some reason you need to cancel your field trip please call (724) 329-8124 to let us know.

#### **Conduct**

Teachers and chaperones are responsible for the conduct of the group and are expected to stay with the group. Inappropriate conduct may lead to the termination of the field trip.

No food, drink, gum or candy is allowed in the buildings except in designated lunch areas.

Fort Necessity National Battlefield is a National Park. Please do not allow the students to take plants or animals. Do not pick the flowers.

#### **Directions**

Fort Necessity National Battlefield is located 11 miles east of Uniontown, PA directly off of U.S. Route 40.