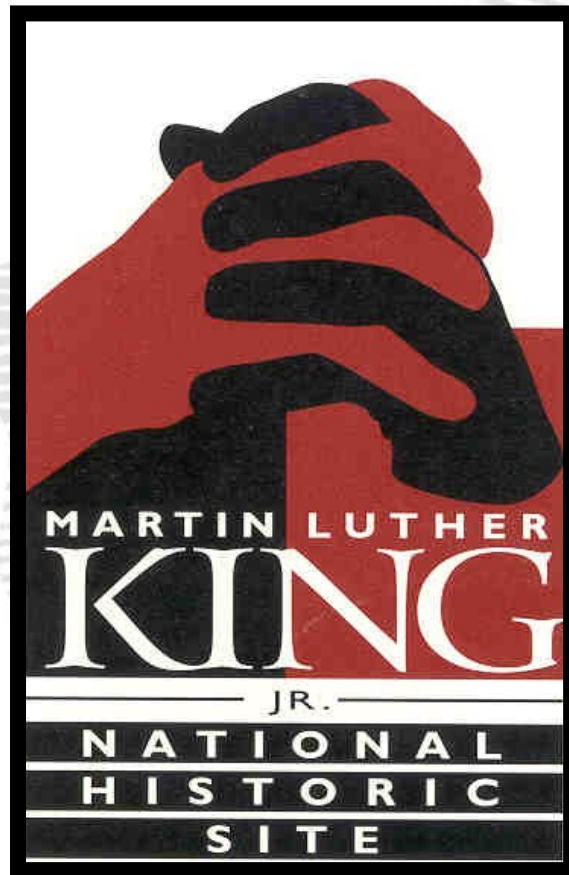




# Parks as Classrooms



## Field Trip Planning Teachers Guide



## **Field Trip Planning**

### **Location & Hours of Operation**

The park is open every day of the week from 9 am to 5 pm except Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day and New Years Day. The park's address is: 450 Auburn Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30312.

### **Fees**

The park is fee FREE.

### **General Parking/Bus Parking**

FREE General and bus parking is available on John Wesley Dobbs Avenue between Boulevard and Jackson Street. See park map for more information.

### **Group Size & Safety**

It is recommended to limit field trip groups to 125 students or less with a minimum chaperone to student ratio of 1:10 depending on the age group. Safety hazards onsite include high traffic areas with several street crossings and a high volume shared public spaces.

### **Accessibility**

All park facilities are wheelchair accessible and visual displays are subtitled in English. Park brochures in Japanese may be requested at the Visitor Center.

### **Picnic Area**

Having lunch at Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site? The outdoor amphitheater, Peace Plaza on the corner of Jackson Street and Auburn Avenue (across from Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church) is a great place to rest and take a leisurely lunch with your class. Additionally, there is a covered picnic pavilion with 10 picnic tables south of the bus parking area surrounded by grass. Both areas are first-come, first-served.

### **Printable Activities**

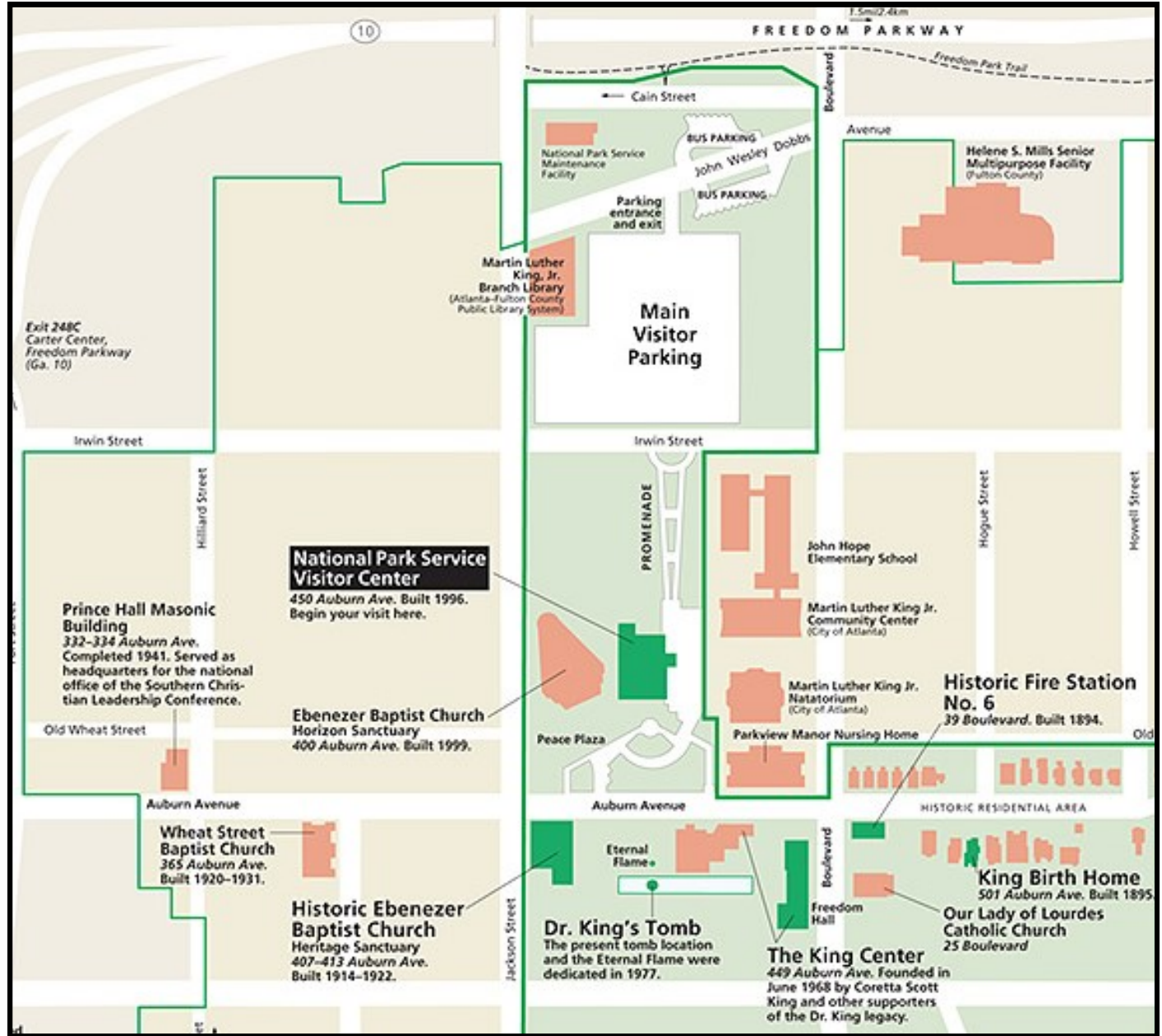
Challenge your students (Grade 4-8) by having them complete optional activity sheets while visiting the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site on a field trip. Print from our website at: [www.nps.gov/malu/learn/education/classrooms/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/malu/learn/education/classrooms/index.htm)

### **Special Programming**

Educational activities and programs are offered annually for a limited number of field trip groups by reservation only at Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site. Review our current program offerings on our website. Check back regularly for an up-to-date schedule and to make your group's reservation on a first-come, first-served basis. Program offerings are limited to school groups and may not be reserved by private tour agencies or third parties.



# Site Map



- All campus facilities are within a 5-7 minute walking distance.
- FREE parking is available between Jackson Street and Boulevard on John Wesley Dobbs Avenue.
- Facilities in GREEN are open to the general public with exception to the Birth Home. Birth Home tours are available by reservation at the Visitor Center upon same-day arrival.



## Where to Go

### Visitor Center

- Theater Film Showings:
  - *New Time, New Voice* (30 mins): A film about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his role in the Modern Civil Rights Movement
  - *Children of Courage* (15 mins): A film on young people and their role in the struggle for civil and human rights
  - *Birth Home* (15 mins): A video tour of the home where Martin Luther King, Jr. was born with stories of his childhood.
- *Courage to Lead Exhibit*: Permanent exhibit follows the movement from Jim Crow laws up to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- *Children of Courage Exhibit*: Young people and the struggle for civil rights from 1930s to present
- *D.R.E.A.M. Gallery*: Explore the rotating exhibit space featuring aspects of the movement
- *Birth Home Tour Tickets*: (Free) Tour the home Dr. King was born and lived the first 12 years of his life. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, same day, in-person reservations only. Tours are limited to 15 persons per tour. No exceptions. Check the park's website to see the park's "Open House" schedule. "Open House" tours are a condensed birth home tour, similar to a walk-through. No tickets or reservations are required on special "Open House" tour dates.



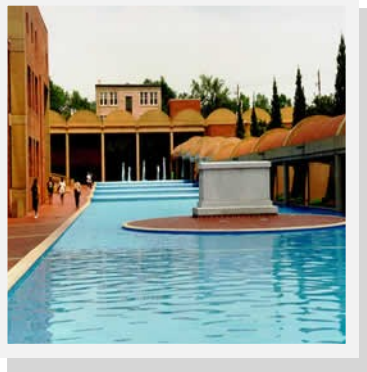
### Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church



- *Heritage Sanctuary*: Visit the spiritual home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church Heritage Sanctuary. The sanctuary has been restored to the way it looked from 1960 to 1968 when Dr. King co-pastored along side with father, Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.
- *Oral History of the Church*: (5-7 mins) Ranger-led talk in the sanctuary about the history of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and heritage of the King Family involvement at the church
- *Fellowship Hall*: Original sanctuary of the church from 1916 to 1922 now showcasing an exhibit, interview film of Dr. King's older sister, and several original artifacts of the church



## Where to Go



### The King Center

- Freedom Hall Exhibit: a 2-story exhibit hall showcasing personal artifacts of Dr. King and Mrs. Rosa Parks
- Eternal Flame & Reflecting Pool: serves as a reminder of the Kings' undying commitment to their beloved community and preserved the final resting place of Dr. & Mrs. King

### Historic Fire Station No. 6

- Exhibit Hall: features the history of Atlanta post-Reconstruction, the Rise of Sweet Auburn, and the history of firefighting in the city
- 1930s Fire Truck: features the same model fire truck that Dr. King would have seen in the fire station during his childhood years
- Sweet Auburn Film: (15 mins) showcases the thriving Sweet Auburn community from its conception



**Park Bookstore:** Purchase souvenirs and other memorabilia benefiting the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site. Teachers receive a 15% percent discount on materials for the classroom. Ask the bookstore cashier for more information.

**King Birth Home:** Located at 501 Auburn Avenue, Dr. King was born and lived the first 12 years of his childhood in this house. The house was originally built in 1895 and purchased by Dr. King's maternal grandfather in 1909. *Tickets required. Make reservations at the Visitor Center.*

**Preservation District:** Self-guided wayside exhibits showcasing the Sweet Auburn community from Boulevard eastward to Bradley Street on Auburn Avenue.



## Sample Itinerary

The following is intended to assist planning your group visit to the park. Please note the recommended duration of time in each location is an approximate estimate. Most visitors and groups plan to spend between 2–3 hours on-site.

### Visitor Center

Total Duration: 20 minutes–45 minutes

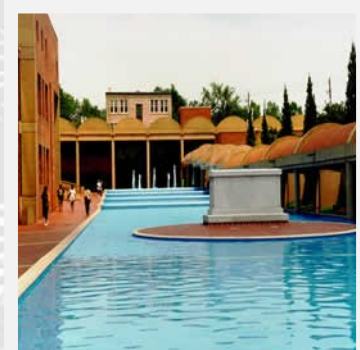
- Recommended Film (s):
  - ⇒ Grades Pre-K to Grade 4: “Children of Courage” - (15 minutes)
  - ⇒ Grades 5 and Up: “New Time, New Voice” (30 Minutes)
- Self-guided Exhibit Halls
  - ⇒ Grades Pre-K to Grade 4: Children of Courage
  - ⇒ Grades 5 and Up:
    1. Children of Courage
    2. Courage to Lead
    3. DREAM Gallery



### Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church

Total Duration: 20 minutes–30 minutes

- Heritage Sanctuary (upstairs)
  - ⇒ Listen to Dr. King’ Sermon on the loudspeaker (15 minutes)
  - ⇒ Schedule a ranger-led presentation of the history of Ebenezer Baptist Church (10 minutes)
- Fellowship Hall (downstairs)
  - ⇒ See the original microphone Dr. King used when co-pastoring Ebenezer Baptist Church
  - ⇒ Grades 9 and Up: Watch 15 minute film interview of to Dr. King’s sister, Christine, sharing memories of growing up in the church



### The King Center

Total Duration: 20 minutes– 40 minutes

- Eternal Flame and Reflecting Pool
- Freedom Hall Exhibit



## **Recommended Itinerary**



### **Historic Fire Station No. 6**

Total Duration: 10 minutes—20 minutes

#### **Exhibits**

Post Reconstruction

Rise of Sweet Auburn

Atlanta Fire Department

Sweet Auburn Film



### **Birth Home**

Total Duration: 10 minutes—15 minutes

Exterior Tour: Read historical plaque on front steps and front porch

Interior Tour: Schedule Birth Home film (15 minutes) at Visitor Center

Ranger-led Tour: By Reservation only at the Visitor Center upon arrival  
(30-45 minutes)



### **Historical Preservation District**

Total Duration: 20 minutes— 40 minutes

Self-guided wayside exhibits showcasing the Sweet Auburn community from Boulevard eastward to Bradley Street along Auburn Avenue



**Parks as Classroom**

**Schedule Request—Films & Ranger Presentations**

Date of Trip: ____/____/____	Time: ____ AM/PM to ____ AM/PM
School Name: _____	
Grade Level: _____	
Number of Students: _____	Number of Chaperones: _____

**Visitor Center**

1. Ranger-led welcome to Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site.

**Time of Arrival at Visitor Center:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AM/PM**  
(time)

2. Select Preferred Film(s)

**New Time, New Voice**  
(30 Minutes)

**Children of Courage**  
(15 Minutes)

**Birth Home**  
(15 Minutes)

3. Select Preferred Showtime (s)

Morning

**10 am**

**11 am**

Afternoon

**12 pm**

**2 pm**

**1 pm**

**3 pm**

**Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church**

Circle preferred time for ranger-led oral history presentation of church:

Morning

**9:30 am**

**10:30 am**

Afternoon

**1:30 pm**

**3:30 pm**

**2:30 pm**

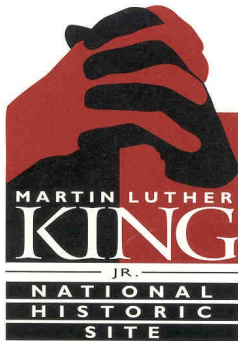
**4:00 pm**

**Submit** form to Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site Education Coordinator at:

**MALU\_Education\_Coordinator@nps.gov**

**Questions? Contact us at 404-331-5190 ext. 5037**





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### Next Steps

Upon receipt of submission, the park's Education Coordinator will contact you regarding confirmation of itinerary details and send you a final itinerary for your visit. Please allow for 5 – 7 business days to process. Requests are accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Depending on availability, your preferred date (s) and/or time (s) may not be available. The months of January through March receive the highest volume of requests. If visiting during these high visitation months, please plan on submitting your request as soon as possible.

### **Await Confirmation**

may take up to 5-7 business days for processing

### **Visit Website**

- Review *park map* and things to do under the “Plan Your Visit” tab
- Check “Current Conditions” for *updates on park operations* (i.e. closures, scheduled repairs, weather conditions etc.)
- *Print* optional activity sheets on the park's website:
  - Path: Homepage—Learn About the Park —Education—Field Trips (bottom of page)

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