



MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVER CRITERIA AND APPLICATION

National Park Service regulations allow school groups and other *bona fide* national and international educational institutions to obtain a waiver of park entrance fees, provided that the visit is for educational or scientific purposes, and the resources or facilities which the group proposes to use support those purposes.

Applicant shall submit the applications form in addition to submitting the following three (3) items; Eligibility Documentation, Educational Purpose, and Relevance of the Educational Purpose of the visit. A complete package is REQUIRED to process and approve an Educational Fee Waiver.

1. Eligibility

Applicants must prove they are a *bona fide* educational or scientific institution by presenting one of the following types of documentation:

- A statement confirming educational or scientific tax-exemption, from the IRS or the applicant's national, state, or local tax authority; or,
- A statement, from a bona fide educational institution meeting one of these eligibility standards, confirming that the group is visiting for the purpose of providing transferable educational credit based on a curriculum; or,
- A statement of accreditation, or recognition as an educational institution, from a qualified national, regional, state, or local authority for the applicant's location.

2. Educational Purpose of the Visit

The applicant shall demonstrate that your field trip supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. Recreational visits do not qualify.

3. Relevance of Park Resources or Facilities

The applicant shall demonstrate the field trip relates to natural or cultural resources found in the park.

Organizations that are generally considered service, civic, or fraternal (e.g. Scouting, Rotary, Elks) do not qualify for the education fee waiver unless the group meets the criteria listed above.

Applications with accompanying eligibility documentation are required to be submitted a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the planned visit. Please contact us via email if expediting a fee waiver is requested.

Fee waivers will not be granted at the entrance stations.

For further information, or to download an Educational Fee Waiver application form, please visit: <https://www.nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/fees.htm>

Email all applications with accompanying Accreditation, Educational purpose and Relevance statements to: mora_fee_waiver@nps.gov.

Educational Fee Waiver Application



Mount Rainier National Park
55210 238th Ave East
Ashford, WA 98304
Phone: 360-569-6623

School Name: _____
School Address: _____
Instructor: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Entry Date: _____ Departure Date: _____
Total Group size: _____ Total Vehicles: Buses _____ Vans _____ Autos _____

Entrance: Nisqually Stevens Canyon White River Carbon River

Area(s) to be visited: _____
Subject(s) of Study: _____

ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION: ___Attached

Attach current documentation confirming recognition as a bona fide educational or scientific institution.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE OF VISIT:

Provide a written statement confirming the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. Recreational visits do not qualify.

RELEVANCE OF PARK RESOURCES TO VISIT:

Provide a written statement identifying the park resources and/or facilities that will be used to support the educational purpose of the visit. It shall detail the study of some aspect or resource specific to the Park.

I understand that the Code of Federal Regulations allows for Educational Fee Waivers only for bona fide educational and/or scientific institutions which are using the park for educational purposes. I hereby certify that the detailed trip meets these requirements and therefore request that entrance fees be waived.

Signature of Official in Charge of Group Title Date

National Park Service Approval:

THIS FORM IS AN APPLICATION ONLY.

A separate Permit for the group will be issued and emailed once all criteria has been reviewed and approved. EACH vehicle shall present a copy of the approved Permit upon Park Entrance or fees will be charged.