

Whitman Mission Guidelines for School Group Visits

---Reservations

With resources limited at Whitman Mission National Historic Site, we request that all school groups call in and reserve a time for class visits. Reservations allow us to more efficiently manage our staffing and fit in more school groups. Please adhere to your reserved time slot. Failure to do so will negatively impact other groups scheduled for the same day.

---Suggested Group Sizes

Presently, the park can accommodate groups up to 150 students. Limiting group size allows us to have more direct contact with the students and prevents impacting other visitors.

---Bus Parking

Buses must park in oversized vehicle spaces. Under no circumstances are buses allowed to block passenger vehicle parking spaces, even when no cars are present. Buses are allowed to drop off and pick up students at designated areas. A map for bus parking is attached.

---Restrooms

Restrooms are located at the Visitor Center with entrances near the flagpole. To keep restrooms clean, please provide adult supervision and limit students to five at one time. Please try to accommodate visitors who might be trying to use the bathroom at the same time as students.

---Bookstore

The Visitor Center has a small sales area operated by Discover Your Northwest that features items of interest to children. To maximize efficiency of staff at the cash register and provide better access for the students, we ask adults to supervise 10 children at a time in this small area. Adult supervisors can help out by making sure students do not become too rough with the merchandise, help students form a line at the register, and assist students to make correct change. If your group is from Oregon, be sure to ask staff at the cash register for a sales tax exemption.

--- Park Movie

We have a 25 minute movie that provides an overview of the story at Whitman Mission National Historic Site. You can maximize your time by showing this movie in the classroom before the site visit. The park will loan you a copy for your school library at no charge. Call 509-522-6360 to request a copy. If watching the movie before the site visit is not feasible, this film is available for viewing in the park's theater.

---Lunch

A picnic shelter with seating for up to 50 people is available on a first-come first-served basis. It cannot be reserved. Additional space is available on the ground in the surrounding grassy area. Garbage must be picked up and packed out as our garbage cans will not accommodate large volumes of group trash. Recycling bins are near the shelter and trash bags are available upon request. We appreciate your help in keeping the park clean.

---Site Behavior

Monument Hill contains many gravesites and is a place of remembrance and reflection. Students must stay on the paved trails and are not allowed to run down Monument Hill. Parents and teachers must be in control of students at all times. The National Park Service asks that students show respect for the site.

Bus Parking

OVERSIZED VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARK IN THE CAR PARKING LOT.

The bus parking can accommodate up to 3 oversized vehicles.

For bus overflow parking, please talk to a Park Ranger.

Unloading

Please do not unload students until a Park Ranger has greeted the bus.

If possible, please give us a call when you are close to the site so we are ready to greet you.
509-522-6360

