

Field Trips at Wupatki National Monument

Teacher Quick Facts

What to see and do:

Wupatki Visitor Center and Museum

Wupatki Trail

Basics:

Hours:	Park Hours are from 9:00 to 5:00; open every day except for December 25th	
Description:	Small museum with exhibits focusing on life at Wupatki; includes some interactive and hands-on activities.	½ mile roundtrip trail around Wupatki Pueblo and the ballcourt, community room, and blowhole.
Average Visit:	30 minutes	45 minutes

Logistics:

Trail/Group Capacity:	No more than 30 per group	No more than 30 per group
Gift Shop / Bookstore:	Teachers receive 20% discount and there is no sales tax	See Wupatki Visitor Center
Food Availability:	Vending Machines with water, sports drink, candy, and chips	See Wupatki Visitor Center
Picnic Sites:	1 table available first come, first serve basis	See Wupatki Visitor Center
Restrooms:	Facilities for 3 people at a time	See Wupatki Visitor Center
Driving Distances:	From Flagstaff after mile marker 444 on Highway 89, approx 42 miles / 1 hour 10 minutes From Sunset Crater, approximately 20 miles / 49 minutes From Walnut Canyon, approximately 48 miles / 1 hour 20 minutes	

Common Teacher Questions:

How do I reserve a field trip time and date?

Please remember, scheduling a field trip requires a *1-month* notification. To begin the process, go to the [Plan a Field Trip](#) on our webpage: nps.gov/wupa and follow the steps for the required documentation.

What happens when I get to the park?

- STEP 1: Teacher checks into the visitor center *prior* to unloading the bus.
- STEP 2: Use bathroom facilities, gather group for orientation program.
- STEP 3: 10-15 minute Ranger Orientation.
- STEP 4: Break large groups into smaller groups as specified by trail capacity (see above).

What do I need to know about preserving and protecting Wupatki National Monument?

Have appropriate teacher and chaperone presence with all groups: 1 chaperone for every 5 students in kindergarten to 5th grade, for every 12 students in 6th to 12th grade, and for every 20 college students. Also, go to our webpage: nps.gov/wupa for rules and regulations so that you can familiarize *all* field trip members with park rules and regulations.

What do I need to know about any safety issues?

Regardless of season, ensure that all group members have adequate *sunscreen* and *water*.

Is it possible to visit more than one Flagstaff Area Monument in the same day?

Yes, visiting more than one monument is possible; however, driving distances and times *must* be planned accordingly. Please note above sections for park hours, driving distances and times, and any trail restrictions.

Who can I call when I have more questions?

For fee waiver questions, please call the fee waiver coordinator at 928-526-1157, extension 239. For park specific questions, call Wupatki National Monument at 928-679-2365; ask for the school group liaison.