

Field Trip Etiquette

Please keep the following in mind to help make your trip a success.

- Payment, in full, is due on the day of your visit with check made payable to "Fairfax County Park Authority" or with Visa or MasterCard.
- Arrange for enough chaperones so that the adult to student ratio is at least 1:10. Maximum of 20 chaperones per field trip. Chaperones pay same price as students.
- All of our field trips include a walk outside. Please make sure all students, chaperones and staff are dressed for the weather including sturdy shoes, coats during cold weather, and raincoats during rainy weather. Please consider water bottles for students to carry during hot weather as well.
- Nametags are helpful so the naturalists can use names during programs.
- Green Spring Gardens remains open to the public during all scheduled events. Please be considerate of our visitors and staff. Chaperones and teachers are asked to continue monitoring their group's behavior for the entire program. Participation of adults during activities is also greatly encouraged!
- Remind students, chaperones and staff to respect plants, animals and parkland. Stay on marked trails and do not pick plants or remove anything, living or otherwise, from the park.
- Please be on time. Late arrival may mean programs are shortened or canceled because of other park programming and operational needs.
- You may want to pack a picnic lunch to eat at the park. We have plenty of areas for an outdoor picnic. We recommend bringing blankets for children to sit on in the grass.
- Because of limited trash pickup and wildlife scavenging at Green Spring, please bring your own trash bags and take your trash out with you.

We value your input so we can make our programs the best they can be for your students! Please complete and return the program evaluations given to you at the end of the program or send an email to Ann.Difiore@fairfaxcounty.gov