



HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK

Self-Guided Visit

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Huntley Meadows is a 1,428 acre park of meadow, woodland and wetland. Operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, the park is managed as a wildlife sanctuary for enjoyment, education and discovery. During your walk through the park you may not always see wildlife, but look for their signs along the trail and boardwalk. So everyone can enjoy their visit to the park we ask for your cooperation with the following guidelines:

Huntley Meadows Trail Etiquette

1. Huntley Meadows is a protected natural area. **Do not take anything out of the park or leave (release) anything in the park.** Do NOT capture animals for observation. Netting is NOT allowed. Do NOT pick leaves or wildflowers.
2. Respect the plants and animals by **staying on marked trails**. Remember to share the trails by moving to the right hand side when passing other visitors. Walking in pairs on the boardwalk is advised.
3. **Keep voices soft and walk quietly.**

Tips for a Successful Visit

1. Please call in advance of your visit to register your group.
2. Appropriate adult supervision is essential. We suggest 1:5 ratio of adults to children. Please do not bring more parents than this as it makes the group too large. **Adults are responsible for the discipline of their students** and should make sure they behave in an orderly manner. Please have each child wear a visible nametag with his/her name on it.
3. Assign a small group of children to each adult. Children should stay with their adult on the trails and in the visitor center. **Adults should be first down the trail.** Please monitor bathroom use.
4. Please share these guidelines and tips with all teachers and parents on the trip.
5. Leave all backpacks and snacks on the bus. **No eating at the tower.**



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There is a \$30 per bus fee for self-guided groups; you may pay in the Visitor Center. If you bring your group into the visitor center, let the staff know you have arrived before you bring the children indoors. If your group is large you may need to break into smaller groups (no more than 30) to prevent crowding in the exhibit room. We highly recommend you do NOT plan to spend more than **1½ to 2 hours** at the park.

On Tuesday the Visitor Center is closed to the public, therefore, there are no indoor bathroom facilities available. If there is a serious emergency, knock on the door; someone may be available to help. There are no picnic facilities in the park but staff will gladly give you directions to Stoneybrooke (no bathrooms) or Lee District Park (703-922-9841) just minutes away. If you do bring snack, please make sure you clean up after yourself. Please bring your own trash bags. There is a dumpster on the service road behind the Visitor Center. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Melissa Gaulding or the staff-on-duty at (703) 768-2525.

Thank you for calling ahead. We look forward to your group's visit to Huntley Meadows!