

# RIVERBEND PARK



Riverbend Park is a 400 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.

Whether you are joining us for an Interpreter Led Program or a Self-Guided group please read the below guidelines so everyone can enjoy their visit to the Park. Thank you for your cooperation:

## RIVERBEND PARK TRAIL ETIQUETTE

1. Riverbend Park is a protected natural space. Do not take anything out of the Park or leave (release) anything in the Park. Do NOT pick leaves or wildflowers. Do NOT capture animals for observation. Netting is NOT allowed
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.
3. In order to ensure a pleasant trip for all and to show respect for the Park, your group, and other park visitors keep **voices soft and walk quietly**, and turn cell phones off.

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT

1. Please bring payment on the day of your visit, in the form of cash, Visa or Master Card, or check made out to FCPA-RBP.
  - Self-Guided Fee: \$30 for groups of 12 to 60 people
  - Interpreter Lead Fee: please see confirmation email for the per child fee.
2. Adults are responsible for the discipline of their students and should make sure they behave in an orderly manner. We suggest assigning a small group of children to each adult and one adult station themselves at the back of the group to keep everyone together. Children should stay with their adult on the trails and in the visitor center. Please monitor bathroom use.
3. Please have each child wear a visible nametag with his/her name on it.
4. Please do not disturb life in the pond outside the Visitor Center. You may look from the bridge or from around the edges but do not pass under the ropes.
5. Leave all backpacks, snacks, lunches, and water bottles on the bus. Please, *no eating on the trail*.
6. There are picnic tables for you to eat at in the park. If you bring snack or lunch, please make sure you clean up after yourself with the provided trash & recycling bins located on the deck and lawn.

## FOR INTERPRETER LED PROGRAMS ONLY

7. Please share these guidelines and tips with all teachers and parents prior to your visit.
8. Please note your group will be walking some during your visit. If you have any students with ADA accommodations that may prevent them from participating in mobile activities, please reach out to us a head of time so we can be prepared and make adjustments to the program.

9. Appropriate adult supervision is essential. We ask for a MAXIMUM 1:5 ratio of adults to children. Please do not bring more parents than this as it makes the group too large. (Adult chaperones will be charged the same fee as students).
10. Please be prompt; the time allotted to your group usually cannot be extended if you are late. In the case of rain, we will NOT cancel the program. Be prepared to go outside if there is light rain or snow. In the case of heavy rain or thunderstorms, we will cancel or conduct a shortened program.

**FOR SELF-GUIDED GROUPS ONLY**

11. If you bring your group into the Visitor Center, please let staff know before you bring the children indoors. Please no more than 30 children at one time to prevent crowding in the exhibit room.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the staff-on-duty at (703) 759-9018.

We look forward to your group's visit to Riverbend Park!  
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