

Field Trip Etiquette

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



- Arrange for enough chaperones so that the adult-to-student ratio is at least 1:8. Maximum of 15 chaperones per field trip. Chaperones pay the same price as students.
- Payment in full is due on the day of your visit with a check made payable to “Fairfax County Park Authority” or with Visa or MasterCard.
- Please be on time. Late arrival may mean programs are shortened or canceled because of other park programming and operational needs.
- All 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 having students bring their water bottles to carry during hot weather.
- Nametags are helpful so the naturalists can use the students’ names during the program.
- Green Spring Gardens remains open to the public during all scheduled field trips, so please be considerate of our visitors and staff. Chaperones and teachers are expected to moderate their group’s behavior during the entire program, including taking any necessary disciplinary action. Adult participation during activities may be requested/encouraged by instructors.
- Remind students, chaperones, and staff to respect the plants, animals, and parkland. Stay on marked trails and do not pick plants or remove anything, living or otherwise, from the park.
- 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.
- We strongly recommend students bring a snack to eat before the program, either on the bus or on our lawn.
- Because of limited trash pickup and wildlife scavenging at Green Spring, bring your own trash bags and take your trash with you.

We value your input so we can make our programs the best they can be for your students! Please send any program evaluations to bailey.price@fairfaxcounty.gov.