

HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK



Huntley Meadows is a 1554 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.

Whether you are joining us for a Naturalist 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:

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 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. Walking in pairs on the boardwalk is advised.
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-HMP.
2. Please tell your naturalist what time you need to return to your bus before the program starts.
3. 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. (For Naturalist Led Programs extra adults will be charged the same fee as students).
4. 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.
5. Please have each child wear a visible nametag with his/her name on it.
6. When viewing life in the water, please kneel on the boardwalk to look over and into the water.
7. Leave all backpacks, snacks, lunches, and water bottles on the bus. There will be *no eating on the trail or at the tower*.
8. There is a shelter near the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center that accommodates 50 people and can be rented and used as a picnic area at \$ for the afternoon (from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm). If you do bring snack or lunch, please make sure you bring you own trash bags and clean up after yourself. There is a dumpster on the service road behind the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center.

FOR NATURALIST LED PROGRAMS ONLY

9. Please share these guidelines and tips with all teachers and parents on the trip.

10. Before bringing your group into the visitor center, let staff know you have arrived. Your group is scheduled for a program with a naturalist(s). 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 conduct a shortened program totally indoors.

FOR SELF GUIDED GROUPS ONLY

11. Please bring your \$30 per bus payment on the day of your visit, in the form of cash, Visa or Master Card, or check made out to FCPA-HMP.
12. If you bring your group into the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center, 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) 768-2525.

We look forward to your group's visit to Huntley Meadows Park!
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