

Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

Field trip request for CHILDREN

Requests for group visits for children must be received at least *four weeks in advance* of the requested date. One form is needed for each visit. Complete the form below and submit it via email. You will receive notifications about your request via email. Please watch your spam folder.

Email requests to: karen.herzenberg@emnrd.nm.gov and tanja.george@emnrd.nm.gov

***Please note: Your visit is not on our calendar until you receive an email confirmation. ***

1. Please determine ahead of time how you will pay the park day-use fee(s).

The day-use fee is required for ALL groups. It is NOT a parking fee.

Please come prepared with your group's fee on the day of the visit (exact cash or check, NO CARDS).

Private vehicle (7 or fewer seats) = \$3 cash (exact) or check at the self-pay station.

School bus/van (8+ seats) = \$15 cash (exact) or check per bus/van.

Private tour bus = \$50 cash (exact) or check per bus.

Payments for busses and vans (8+ seats) must be paid in the Visitor Center.

2. Self-guided or guided? Select ONE of the three options.

Self-guided visit

Your group's teacher or leader will take the group on a self-guided exploration at the park. Please refer to our suggestions for self-guided time. If you are arranging to have outside guide(s)/presenter(s), please let us know!

Guided nature walk

A volunteer or staff guide will lead your group on a walk through the bosque. When classes are not on the guided walk, please refer to our suggestions for self-guided time.

Guided pond exploration

A volunteer or staff guide will lead your group's exploration of pond life at our Discovery Pond. When classes are not at the pond, please refer to our suggestions for self-guided time.

3. When would you like your group to visit?

Date you are requesting _____ Day (choose one) SU MO TU WE TH FR SA

Arrival time at park? _____ Departure time? _____

4. How many participants?

Group size is limited. Schools may have up to 3 classes visit at one time ("class" is ~25 kids plus chaperones). Please no more than one class at a time in the Visitor Center.

There must be 1 adult for every 5 kids for Pre-K and K; for 1st-12th the ratio is 1 adult for every 7 kids.

Total number of participants? Kids _____ Adults _____

How many kids at each grade level? PreK-K _____ 1-5 _____ 6-8 _____ 9-12 _____

5. Contact information?

Contact Person (first and last name) _____ Phone _____

Contact's email address _____

Will the contact person be attending the requested program? Yes No

Group/organization name _____ Phone _____

6. Are you planning to use the group shelter? Yes No

The Group Shelter area is the only location for picnicking at the park. It is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and seats about 60 kids & adults. Thank you for keeping the Group Shelter area clean for other visitors.