



Weather Information for Visiting Groups

Safety comes first. Ultimately the decision to visit the PWLC rests with the group and not with the PWLC staff. Road conditions at home may differ at the PWLC for better or worse. If you determine that weather is too unsafe for travel, stay home. Contact us at 218-998-4480, and we will make every effort to reschedule your visit to a future date. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to find a mutually agreeable date. Our calendar is typically very full. Keep in mind also that as fall progresses, chances of ideal fall weather decrease. The reverse is true as spring progresses but we do run into the deadline of the end of the school year for school groups.

If you hear that Fergus Falls schools are closed due to weather, the PWLC may still be open for business. Please call the PWLC to confirm if needed.

Dress Appropriately

At the PWLC, we go outside in all kinds of scenarios, including hot, humid, cold, wet, foggy, windy, snowy, icy weather. We ask everyone to dress for the predicted weather conditions. It is a fun learning opportunity to experience different kinds of weather conditions first-hand with all of our senses when dressed comfortably.

Proper Outdoor Clothing

We see it as the students and parents' responsibility to provide proper outdoor clothing. To help ensure that children bring appropriate outdoor clothing in winter, we email a Closet Scavenger Hunt with your confirmation for your use at school and home. We do have some rain ponchos and insulated vests we can share with students who don't bring enough gear, but we do not stock enough clothing for everyone.

Indoor Alternative Lessons

The only time we all do not go outside is if the weather is unsafe during extreme weather events. In those cases, we are prepared to offer appropriate indoor alternative lessons relevant to the day's topic. These weather alternatives are described in the lesson plan links we email in your confirmation and help make the most of busing arrangements, scheduling, and your opportunity to use this amazing outdoor classroom.