

Teacher's Checklist for your Refuge Visit

Suggested Items- may depend on activities planned

- Pre-activity sheets
- Something for students to write on and with
- Name tags
- Camera
- First Aid Kit
- Cell Phone
- Kleenex
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Plenty of water for students (there is a drinking fountain where you can fill water bottles)
- Lunches or snacks
- Trash bags- we practice “pack your trash out” principles
- Extra clothing- encourage students to layer clothing for cool days and prepare to be wet or dirty



Remember...

- You are visiting a National Wildlife Refuge and all plants or animals, living or not, must stay at the refuge. We may look, touch and feel nature but should leave it where it is.
- The refuge staff is available to present programs. We do not discipline students. Programs may be terminated at any time if there is lack of cooperation.
- Remind students to dress for an adventure outside. It is part of the fun to be hot, cold, wet or dirty, but these conditions may ruin a fun day if not prepared. Also ticks, poison ivy and biting insects may be present.

Guidelines for Refuge Field Trips

1. Teachers or groups leaders should contact Refuge staff prior to their visit to find out about closed areas, special regulations, where to park vehicles or buses, ect.
2. At least one adult for every ten children is required. Adults will be responsible for assuring the below guidelines are followed and discipline students if necessary.
3. Know before you go- Be prepared. Don't forget appropriate clothing, protective gear such as sunscreen or ball caps and plenty of water to drink.
4. Choose the right path- use existing trails, roadways, or mowed grass areas to protect nature, unless instructed otherwise.
5. Leave what you find behind- Leave plants, animals and animals remains, rocks, and historic artifacts as you find them. Others would also like to discover and enjoy these items.
6. Trash your trash- If away from the visitor center, take all trash back with you.
7. Respect wildlife- Watch wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed, or follow them. Human food is unhealthy for animals and feeding them starts bad habits.
8. Quiet voices- To ensure all visitors have an enjoyable time at the refuge groups should use quite voices.
9. If you are using roadways when walking from one location to the next, be aware of cars and bicycles. Please do not block the roadways.

