



The **ARNOLD**
ARBORETUM
of HARVARD UNIVERSITY

School Group Guidelines for Self-Guided Field Trips at the Arnold Arboretum

We welcome school and camp groups coming to the Arnold Arboretum for study. Please review these guidelines for your visit.

Buses: Contact Nancy Sableski, Manager of Children's Education, at (617) 384-5239 to discuss parking the bus inside the main Arborway Gate. Parking is not guaranteed and teachers must call or email at least a week in advance to get permission to park inside the main Arborway Gate. **In general, schools should plan to drop students off outside the gates and park along the road. This must be communicated to the bus driver(s) prior to leaving the school. For safety, buses cannot drive through the landscape; unless they have permission to park, bus drivers need to stay on the Arborway to drop off and pick up students.**

Study: Remind students that they are in a tree museum. To preserve the health and beauty of the trees, students may not pick, climb, or pull on the trees. Students may collect plant material if it has fallen on the ground. If you would like assistance in planning your field trip, please contact the Manager of Children's Education.

The Visitor Center: Our center is very small. If you would like to bring students inside, plan to enter in small, staggered groups of 10 or less. Each group should be accompanied by a supervising adult. Please remind students to use indoor voices when inside the Visitor Center.

Bathrooms: Bathrooms are located in the Visitor's Center, which is open from 9 AM to 4 PM weekdays. Plan for students to come into the building in small groups. There are also portable toilets on Willow Path, just across from the Visitor Center from May-October.

Picnics: School groups may picnic on the grounds as a special exception to our no-picnic policy. **Please plan to carry out all trash.** We do not have any space to store lunches during the morning prior to lunchtime.

**We hope you enjoy your visit. Please contact Nancy Sableski, Manager of Children's Education, for further information:
617-384-5239, or email nancy_sableski@harvard.edu.**