

Tips for Successful Trips for Teachers and Chaperones

COME PREPARED

- Discuss with your students what it means that Wave Hill is a **public garden** and **cultural center**.
- Use a map to introduce the **Hudson River** and the **Palisades**.
- Wear comfortable clothing, including **long pants, old sneakers, socks** and seasonally appropriate **layers**.
- Sandals and heels are not recommended.
- Come **prepared for rain**, as we often do not have a place for students to visit indoors in bad weather.
- Have students wear **nametags** so that chaperones can assist easily.

GROUP SIZE AND CHAPERONES

- A maximum of 40 students can visit per day. Stay in **small groups** to make it easier to manage your trip.
- The Department of Education requires an adult:student ratio of **1:11** for all field trips.
- **Share** these “tips for successful trips” with **parent chaperones prior to your visit**.

HELP US TAKE CARE OF OUR GARDEN COLLECTIONS

- **Stay on the paths!** The plants will thank you.
- **Picnic blankets** are harmful to our grass. Use our picnic area near Glyndor House for snack time.
- Leave all flowers and plant material in their natural habitats. **Do not pick flowers or plants**.
- **Climbing** on trees and tree roots can harm them.
- Leave **balls** or **frisbees** at home or school. They are not permitted at Wave Hill, where they can lead to trampling of grass and plants.
- **Photography** and video recording are for private use only.
- **Smoking** is only allowed outdoors.

GLYNDOR GALLERY

- In order for visitors to best view our exhibitions, the gallery attendant may ask you to wait to enter the gallery until another group has left.
- Ask the gallery attendant about a safe place to leave your **personal items**.
- To protect the artwork, **writing implements (pens, pencils, etc.) are not permitted in the gallery**.
- Observe the artwork with your senses of sight, smell and hearing but **do not touch the works** unless the signs tell you otherwise. Remember how hard the artists have worked!
- Be sure that all members of your group remain at least **two feet** from all of the artwork.
- If your group exceeds the adult:student ratio of **1:11**, split up into smaller groups.
- Make sure to **stay together** while in the gallery, moving together as small units.
- **Speak in low voices**. Wave Hill reserves the right to ask unruly groups to leave in order to keep the gallery safe and quiet.

B.Y.O.B. LUNCHES

- That's **“Bring Your Own Bag” Lunches!** There are no stores nearby for purchasing food.
- Eat only in the **designated picnic area** adjacent to the north side of Glyndor House.
- We do not have a **storage space** for students' lunches. Be prepared to carry them with you.

CANCELLATIONS

If you must cancel your reservation, please notify us at 718.549.3200 at least three weeks in advance.

BUS DIRECTIONS & PARKING (Bring this on your trip to guide the bus driver)

Drive to West 230 Street and Broadway. Proceed west on 230 Street until you reach Riverdale Avenue. Turn right onto Riverdale Avenue. Drive north on Riverdale Avenue to West 252 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway. Make a left, then another left at the light and proceed to West 249 Street. Turn right and drive to Wave Hill's entrance at Independence Avenue and West 249 Street. Let passengers off at the gate; do not try to enter the grounds with the bus. Ask a security guard where to park the bus. **Wave Hill's shuttle van seats 10; it cannot accommodate large groups.**

QUESTIONS? Please call us at 718.549.3200 x396 or 237.

