

## **BEFORE YOUR FIELD TRIP**

- Check that the information in your confirmation email is correct. Haven't filled out a field trip request form yet? [Book your visit](#).
- **Looking for a museum map, park guide, or tips for your visit?** Our [Field Trip Guide](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) has everything you need to stay organized. Print copies for all of your adults and fill out any reservation times for [Special Exhibits](#).
- Visit our [Learning Resources](#) library to download free, grade-appropriate lesson plans and activities for your visit.
- Review the [Field Trip Guidelines](#) (listed below) with your students and chaperones prior to your visit, including implementing and monitoring [compliance with current safety measures](#) intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with local, state, and federal public health guidelines.
- Visiting the Nature Lab? [Put yourself in their paws!](#) Meet Rosie the Rat, who'll be your guide to the dos and don'ts of approaching the critters in our live animal collections.
- Provide [directions to the Natural History Museum](#) to your drivers. The Natural History Museum is also easily accessible by [Metro](#)!
- Use our [Museum Visit Social Narrative](#) to help prepare your students for your visit (and check out our [Accessibility Page](#) for additional sensory-friendly resources)!
- Prepare for lunch time! School Groups can pre-purchase lunches for pickup at the Museum's Neighborhood Grill. Orders must be placed at least 7 days in advanced. [Check out the menu here!](#)

## **ON YOUR WAY**

- Bus drop-off and pick-up occurs on Exposition Park Drive in front of the South Lawn of the Museum.

- Bus parking is available in the **Green Lot** off of Hoover Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. LAUSD buses pay **\$15** per bus, charter buses and all other buses pay **\$33** per bus.
- Personal vehicle parking is available for **\$15** per car in the **NHM Car Park** on Bill Robertson Lane.
- Leave lunches on the bus, in vehicles, or securely zipped in backpacks. Because of the sensitive nature of our collections, **we cannot store lunches in the Museum**. Thanks for protecting our collections!

## **YOUR FIELD TRIP BEGINS!**

- When you arrive, gather your group on the South Lawn or Rose Garden and count the number of students, chaperones, and teachers/school staff.
- Have **one teacher** check in with a staff member at the **East Entrance** (also known as the "Rotunda Entrance") and **ask students to wait with chaperones in [designated waiting zones](#) on the South Lawn or Rose Garden**. *On busy days, a staff member may meet you on South Lawn to check-in your group remotely.*
- Free admission is provided to all students, teachers, school staff (including TAs, 1:1 aides, and administrators), and chaperones. We require at least one adult for every 10 students. We ask that the number of chaperones **does not exceed** the number of students in your group. *To prioritize student accessibility to special experiences, chaperones may not be included in add-on reservations (i.e. Butterfly or Spider Pavilion). Check your confirmation to see if your group is booked for any add-ons.*
- Review any reservation times and locations with chaperones and school staff
- Remind your chaperones to help their students follow the **Museum Guidelines** available on their [Field Trip Guide](#) (also listed below), including compliance with [current COVID-19 safety measures](#) in place at the museum.

- Once admission stickers have been provided to all adults, you may escort your group to the **East Gate Entrance** to enter the museum.

## MUSEUM GUIDELINES

Take a look at the important information below to learn about how we can keep each other safe, protect the collections, and explore the Museum together. Questions? Contact us at [info@nhm.org](mailto:info@nhm.org)!

### HOW WE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE

- **Students should stay within view** of a teacher or chaperone at all times, regardless of age, including in the NHM's Neighborhood Grill, Museum Store, and ticketed spaces.
- **Be kind to our live animals** by not tapping on the glass of their homes.
- Please **be mindful** of your voice, space around you, and other visitors while exploring the Museum.
- View up-to-date COVID-19 Safety Guidelines at [NHM.org/covid-19-safety-guidelines](https://nhm.org/covid-19-safety-guidelines)

### HOW WE PROTECT THE COLLECTIONS

- **Help keep our Museum clean by consuming food and beverages outdoors.** Food can attract pests that can damage our collections.
- **School groups have designated outdoor lunch areas** ([see museum map](#)). Due to the volume of school visitors, our NHM Neighborhood Grill, Cafe Patio, and Nature Gardens cannot accommodate school lunches. *Visiting on a very rainy day? We've got you covered (literally)! Reserve your spot for indoor lunch during check-in on the day of your field trip.*
- **Protect our fragile and very old objects in the Museum by looking closely (but not touching).** There are many things in the museum you can touch! Look for a sign or staff member if you're unsure.

### HOW WE EXPLORE THE MUSEUM

- **Spaces marked with an 'R' on the [Field Trip Guide](#) require prior reservation.** Check with your lead teacher to see if your group has anything scheduled. If you have reservations, **plan ahead** to arrive on time.
- Encourage students to **be curious and ask questions** as they explore!
- **Museum staff are always available to help.** Staff will have a blue Museum shirt or badge.

**Thank you!**