

Group Visitors to Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods

Cincinnati Nature Center offers a variety of ways for groups to discover nature at Rowe Woods. A "group" is defined by CNC as 12 or more people visiting CNC together. Groups larger than 12 must split into smaller groups when hiking the trails at CNC. This reduces trail impact, minimizes noise and disruptions to other hikers, and provides a better experience for all group participants.

Self-Led Groups

1. Self-led groups are not permitted unless each leader is a CNC member and has completed CNC's Nature Mentor's Level 1 or Member Naturalist Level 1 course. These 12-hour courses are offered several times throughout the year and include both weekend and weekday options. For information about these courses, please contact CNC's Registrar at 513-965-4894 or visit our website at www.cincynature.org/natureversity.html.
2. If you are a member and have completed one of the courses above, but want to bring more than 11 people with you for a hike, you must request a CNC leader(s) to assist you. At no time are more than 12 people permitted in one group, and other adults in your group cannot lead without first completing one of the courses listed above.
3. To arrange for a self-led group, you must pre-register by calling the Registrar at 513-965-4894. At the time of registration, each leader's name will be checked against the list of CNC-approved leaders (those who have attended one of the courses listed above), and membership status will be confirmed (or renewed if requested). Your group will be scheduled on the entry gate calendar so we'll know to expect you. Whenever groups are on the property, staff may check names to ensure the leader(s) names are on the approved list and have registered.
4. Daily admission fees will be required at the gate for any nonmembers in your group. No pre-payment is required.

CNC-Led Groups

1. If your leaders have not completed a NatureMentors Level 1 or Member Naturalist Level 1 course, and/or have not become CNC members, CNC will provide a leader(s) for you based on the following fee schedule:

1 group (up to 12 participants):	\$ 50.00
2 groups (up to 20 participants):	\$100.00
3 groups (up to 30 participants):	\$150.00
4 groups (up to 40 participants):	\$200.00
5 groups (up to 50 participants):	\$250.00
2. All CNC-led groups require you to provide one adult chaperone per group of 11 children.
3. To arrange for a CNC leader(s), contact our Registrar at 513-965-4894 at least seven days prior to your preferred date. The more notice you provide, the more likely we'll be able to arrange staffing for your visit. If we cannot arrange staffing, or if other groups have already registered for the date, you will be asked to choose an alternate date. Scout groups may select one of several specific programs related to their badge work.
4. If CNC provides a leader for your group, payment must be received at the time of reservation, based on the group fees listed below. Changes in the number of participants must be given within *seven days* of the reserved date in order to receive a price adjustment. **All programs are rain or shine.** Cancellations with at least 7 days notice will be refunded all but a \$25 processing fee; cancellations made with *less than seven days notice* forfeit their entire payment.
5. Once a leader has been confirmed for your group, you will be contacted for credit card information for pre-payment. As with on-line reservations, a credit card is required to reserve your hike on the phone, or you may mail a check. A confirmation letter will be emailed to you as soon as payment has been received.
6. After the CNC led hike, groups are permitted to stay at CNC for up to one hour to eat lunch on the covered side porch or at the designated picnic area. The Whittaker Library/Bistro is not available for group use. Light snacks and drinks are available on-site. Groups are required to take all trash upon leaving; recycling and composting are available.

Effective Date:

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