



## **Group Visits to Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods**

### **What is the Nature Center's Definition of a Group?**

Cincinnati Nature Center defines a "group" as 12 or more people planning to visit together. There are several options for groups who'd like to visit the Nature Center's Rowe Woods location in Milford, Ohio.

### **Group Rates and Self-Led Visits**

Groups of 12 or more paying guests (children and/or adults) may enjoy a group discount when the group registers at least 2 weeks in advance. Current group prices are: \$8 for adults (13 and up), \$5 for children (4-12), no charge for children 3 and under. Fees must be paid in advance to the Registrar by the group leader except when an organization is registering online for a summer group reservation. Organizations/groups with a confirmed online Children's Summer Group Reservation should note payment details on the online registration form. Due to space limitations, bus parking is only available for preregistered groups. The Nature Center does not charge for parking.

### **Group Information**

The group leader must preregister at least two weeks in advance by contacting Registrar, Sharon Renner, at [registrar@cincynature.org](mailto:registrar@cincynature.org) or (513) 831-1711 ext. 129.

- Groups with children are limited to a total of 60 visitors. Please ensure that you have one or more adults per group of 11 children and all adults leading a group have read the Nature Center's Group Policy and rules for our Nature PlayScape and trails.
- All children's groups visiting the Nature PlayScape must preregister.
- Large groups must divide into smaller groups of no more than 12 people, including at least one adult leader per small group.
- Upon registration, you will receive an email confirmation with information which outlines the rules for the property, suggestions for group management and making the most of your visit.
- Upon arrival, all summer children's groups will receive a brief orientation with suggested activities.

### **Programs for Scout Groups**

Our website lists specific dates for scout programs throughout the year. If these dates or topics are not relevant to your group, we encourage you to consult the self-led section on our website for other useful ideas. We do not offer private hikes for scout groups.

## Programs for Homeschool Groups

Our website lists specific dates for homeschool programs throughout the year. If these dates or topics are not relevant to your group, we encourage you to consult the self-led section on our website for other useful ideas. We do not offer private hikes for homeschool groups.

## School Groups

School groups (preschool - grade 6) are encouraged to review the school program brochure available on the website, or contact School Program Manager, Melissa Sabo, at [msabo@cincynature.org](mailto:msabo@cincynature.org) or (513) 831-1711 ext. 138 to schedule your class trip.

If a school group (less than 50 in total) prefers to schedule a self-led group visit, they should contact Registrar, Sharon Renner, with preferred dates by emailing [registrar@cincynature.org](mailto:registrar@cincynature.org) or calling (513) 831-1711 ext. 129. Self-led visits for school groups must be approved in advance along with the visit destination at Cincinnati Nature Center (specific trails and/or Nature PlayScape).

## Groups in the Nature PlayScape

Admission fees include access to the CNC's 1.6-acre Nature PlayScape, a special area designed for children 2-12 years. As on the rest of the property, children are required to have adult supervision while in the Nature PlayScape; adults in your group are responsible for the supervision and safety of the children at all times. Unregistered groups with children may be denied access to the Nature PlayScape. The Krehbiel Family Pavilion (outside the Nature PlayScape) can be rented for private use. Please see our Facility Rental section below for more details.

To provide a quality experience and protect the land, groups scheduling a self-led visit are limited to the following group size during the time periods listed below:

Months	Maximum Group Size for Preregistered Group in Nature PlayScape
January-March	60 or Less
April-May	30 or Less
June-August	60 or Less
September-October	30 or Less
November-December	60 or Less

## Picnic Areas

Cincinnati Nature Center offers two areas to picnic on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are uncovered picnic tables outside the PlayScape, near the Krehbiel Pavilion, and at the base of the Visitor Center Parking Lot. We ask that groups respect others using the picnic areas and rented shelters. You're responsible for your belongings and ask you to take all garbage with you when you leave. Please limit your use of the picnic areas for eating purposes only.

Please note that the Krehbiel Pavilion, outside the PlayScape, and Fernwood Shelter can be rented at an additional charge (see below).

## Presentations and Walks for Groups, Clubs and Businesses (Adults Only)

Cincinnati Nature Center offers engaging programs for adult audiences. Themed outdoor walks and indoor lectures are available at our Rowe Woods location. Presentations are also available online via the Zoom platform. For information on topics and pricing, please view our options for adult groups on our [website](#).

## **Facility Rentals**

We have the perfect location for your next gathering! Facility rental fees include admission for your group to Cincinnati Nature Center and the Nature PlayScape. Group size is limited by occupancy rates for each facility. Our rental locations include Fernwood Cabins, Fernwood Shelter, Krehbiel Pavilion, Groesbeck Estate, and Krippendorf Lodge. Additional information on our rentals may be found on our [website](#). Contact our rental department at [events@cincynature.org](mailto:events@cincynature.org) or 513-965-3346 for more information or to reserve your space today.

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