



Group Visits to Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods

What is CNC's Definition of a "Group"?

CNC defines a "group" as 12 – 100 people planning to visit CNC together. There are several options for groups who'd like to visit CNC's Rowe Woods location in Milford, Ohio.

Group Rates and Self-Led Visits

Groups of 12 – 100 paying guests may enjoy a group discount when the group registers at least 2 weeks in advance. Group prices are: \$6 adults; \$3 children under 12. Fees must be paid at the entry gate upon arrival. Fees must be paid on the date of visit.

To qualify for this group rate, the group leader must pre-register at least 2 weeks in advance by contacting Registrar, Sharon Renner, at srenner@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711 ext. 129. Self-led groups may also request a free, one-hour consultation for ideas on activities and group management on CNC grounds. Whether hiking the trails or visiting the PlayScape, our staff can assist group leaders with ideas and techniques to effectively guide a group. Scheduling is based upon availability. Please contact Sharon Renner at least 2 weeks prior to your scheduled visit for a consultation.

Upon arrival at the gate, each member of your group must mention the group name to receive the discount. An admission fee receipt, which can be applied to the cost of a membership, will be provided to each paying visitor. Note that groups which have not pre-registered are not eligible for the discount.

Upon registration, you will receive an email confirmation with a form which outlines the rules for the property, suggestions for group management and making the most of your visit. Your group discount will also be activated at this time.

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 for scout leaders 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.

Groups in the Nature PlayScape

Your admission fees also include access to CNC's 1.6 acre Nature PlayScape, the perfect place for children ages 2 – 12 to enjoy playing in a natural environment. As on the rest of the property, adults in your group are responsible for the supervision and safety of the children. Please note that groups larger than 60 are not

permitted in the PlayScape at one time. Groups are further limited to 30 members or less in the Nature PlayScape Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. during the months of September, October, April and May. When your group pre-registers, we will inform you of any other groups scheduled in the Nature PlayScape so that you can adjust your visit to avoid overlap. This provides for the best experience for every child in the PlayScape. Please note that groups may not reserve the Nature PlayScape for private use; other families will likely be enjoying the Nature PlayScape during your visit.

To register your group for the PlayScape, the group leader must pre-register at least 2 weeks in advance by contacting Registrar, Sharon Renner, at srenner@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711 ext. 129.

One Hour Naturalist for Adult Groups

While your adult group is encouraged to hike the trails in small groups of 12 or less during your visit, another option is to add a one-hour staff-led walk or indoor nature talk to the cost of your admission fees or facility rental at the following rates:

Nature Talks (indoor only)

\$50 (in addition to your entry fees or facility rental fees). Maximum group size is determined by facility occupancy limit. Please note that that your group must vacate the room after the program. If your group wishes to remain in the room to socialize or meet before or after the program, a facility rental must be arranged in advance. Our Nature to Go topics include:

- An Introduction to Cincinnati Nature Center
- Amphibians in Your Backyard
- Backyard Birds of Southwest Ohio
- Education for the New Energy Economy
- Gardens for Monarchs and other Butterflies
- Leave No Child Inside: Nature Deficit Disorder
- Mammals of Southwestern Ohio
- Plight and Flight of the Monarchs
- Renewable Energy for the Home
- Wildflowers for Beginners

Groups of 12 or more paying guests may enjoy a group discount when the group registers for their presentation. (See Group Rates and Self-Led Visits for more information). To make sure that you qualify for this group rate and/or to schedule your Nature Talk, contact Sharon Renner at srenner@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711 ext. 129.

Nature Walk for Adults (outdoor, up to one hour)

We are happy to provide experienced trail guides, based on availability. Because of our small group limit of 12, the fees for trail guides increases incrementally each time an additional staff leader is required, as follows:

1 group leader (up to 12 participants): \$75	4 group leaders (up to 48 participants): \$180
2 group leaders (up to 24 participants): \$110	5 group leaders (up to 60 participants): \$215
3 group leaders (up to 36 participants): \$145	No staff-led group hikes available for more than 60.

- CNC staff to assist and co-lead PlayScape activities based on our party themes.
- 1 free pass for each child to return.
- A copy of CNC's book, *A Nature PlayScape: Engaging Your Child in Nature Play*, for birthday child's parents

Contact Jason Neumann at (513) 831-1711 ext. 221 (jneumann@cincynature.org) for more details.

Off-Site Nature to Go programs for adult groups are available for \$100 for a one-hour program. Please see Nature Talks on Page 2 for our Nature to Go topics. Additional travel fees may apply. To schedule your program, contact Sharon Renner at (513) 831-1711 ext. 129 (srenner@cincynature.org).

CNC's Branch Out Travel Program provides nature education beyond Cincinnati Nature Center!

We offer travel opportunities to experience nature through day trips and week-long excursions around the world. We take care of the details with expert guides and programs designed just for you. Want to customize a trip exclusively designed for you and your friends and family? We can help! We'll work with you to plan an itinerary for a CNC naturalist-led trip. Contact Chief Naturalist, Bill Creasey, to plan your adventure. (513) 831-1711 ext. 125.