



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: \$6 adults (13 and up), \$3 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 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 Information Agreement for Self-Led Group Leaders.

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.

Self-led groups may also request a free, one-hour consultation for ideas on activities and techniques to effectively guide a group. Schedule the consultation with Sharon Renner when you make your reservation.

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 or (513) 831-1711 ext. 138 to schedule your class trip.

If 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 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.

In order 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. 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). We ask that all groups respect others who have our rented the Krehbiel Pavilion and Fernwood Shelter.

Indoor Presentations to Groups, Clubs and Businesses (Adults Only)

Cincinnati Nature Center offers our Nature to Go programs to adult audiences which can be presented at your location or ours. Our speaker will present a captivating, 45-minute power point lecture with question-and-answer session on the topic of your choosing.

Topics:

- Free Range Children: Why Children Need Nature
- Go Native! How Healthy Habitats Support Pollinators, Wildlife, and People
- The Secret Life of Trees: Little Known Facts About Our Familiar Friends

Cost:

\$150 for Off-Site with unlimited audience. Our staff member will travel up to 30 miles from Rowe Woods. (Any mileage incurred for presentation offsite over 60 miles round-trip and up to 120 miles is a cost of \$25. Any mileage incurred for presentation offsite over 120 miles and up to a limit of 200 miles is cost of \$50.)

\$150 for On-Site with 15-person limit; each extra person pays \$10 except in cases where a rental is secured. No extra per person fee applies for talks where group is paying for an on-site room rental. (Presentation pricing includes admission fees. No member discounts.)

Call Registrar, Sharon Renner, at 513-831-1711 ext. 129 for more information or to schedule a presentation (based on availability) for your homeowners' association, garden club, corporate lunch meeting, or other gathering at Cincinnati Nature Center or at your location.

Outdoor Led Hikes/Walks (On-Site Only)

We are happy to schedule a 90-minute, themed lecture and walk/hike based on availability. Choose either an easy or moderate effort trail when you reserve for a topic below:

Topics (Seasonally Available):

- History Hike: Discover Our Vibrant Heritage, Amazing Architecture and Beautiful Land
- Woodland Wildflowers: More Than Just a Pretty Face
- Gardens of Rowe Woods
- Trees Big and Small: The Understory Story and Tall Tree Tales

Cost:

\$150 for a 90-minute hike/walk for up to 15 people. Additional people are \$10 each. (Presentation pricing includes admission fees. No member discounts.)

Please contact our Registrar, Sharon Renner, two weeks prior to your outing at registrar@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711 ext. 129.

Facility Rentals

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. Rentals are for 4 hours except for rentals of Krippendorf Lodge, Fernwood Cabins, and Groesbeck Estate. Additional hours may be added for an additional fee.

Depending on availability, the following facilities may be rented:

Name of Rental Location	Rental Options	Member Cost	Nonmember Cost
Rowe Visitor Center Auditorium	Up to 50 people	\$250 member	\$300 nonmember
	50 – 100 People	\$300 member	\$350 nonmember
	Additional 2 hours	\$50 member	\$75 nonmember
Rowe Visitor Center Pine Room	Up to 30 people	\$200 member	\$250 nonmember
	31 – 60 people	\$275 member	\$325 nonmember
	Additional 2 hours	\$50 member	\$75 nonmember
Fernwood Cabins Rental includes cabin with 8 sets of bunk beds with mattresses, covered eating area with picnic tables, fire ring.	Up to 32 people total or up 16 people each cabin	24 hours \$150/cabin; \$250 for both	24 hours \$200/cabin; \$300 for both
Fernwood Shelter Rental includes use of sink, refrigerator, and picnic tables. Restrooms nearby.	Up to 75 people	\$225 member	\$275 nonmember
	Additional 2 hours	\$35 member	\$50 nonmember
	Propane grill rental	Additional \$35 with shelter rental.	
Krehbiel Pavilion Shelter Rental includes picnic tables; Nature PlayScape and restrooms nearby.	Up to 50 people	\$220 member	\$275 nonmember
	Additional 2 hours	\$35 member	\$50 nonmember
Groesbeck Estate	Up to 50 inside or 120 with tent	Pricing varies. For more information, please contact Julie Rotz at 513-965-3346 or jrotz@cincynature.org .	
Krippendorf Lodge	For information contact Elegant Fare Catering at (513) 552-1340.		

Contact Amy Johnson at (513) 774-1921 (ajohnson@cincynature.org) with questions or to reserve your space today.