Garden of the Gods School Field Trips ~Before Your Visit~

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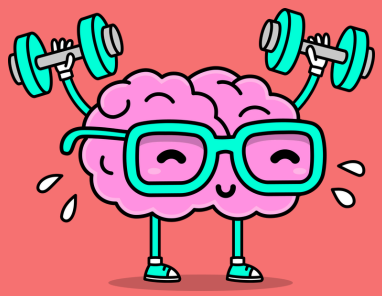
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Confirm Your Visit

If you have any questions or need to cancel your trip, please reach out to us at GardenOfTheGods@ColoradoSprings.gov

Please also share if your group has any special needs or requirements from our team.





Engage with our Pre-Visit Activities (see page 3)

Please do not assign additional activities for your students to complete during their visit. However, we encourage you to use our pre- visit activities to build excitement!

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Divide Your Students

Prior to your visit, Park staff will reach out to let you know how many groups to divide your students into. Please have your students grouped prior to your arrival. Color-coded name tags work great!



Share Expectations with Chaperones

Please review our Chaperone Policy Document and share expectations with all chaperones (including teachers and parents!) before arrival. Chaperones should help manage the behavior of students and keep visual contact with the entire group during the field trip.

Schools are required to bring at least one chaperone per student group.

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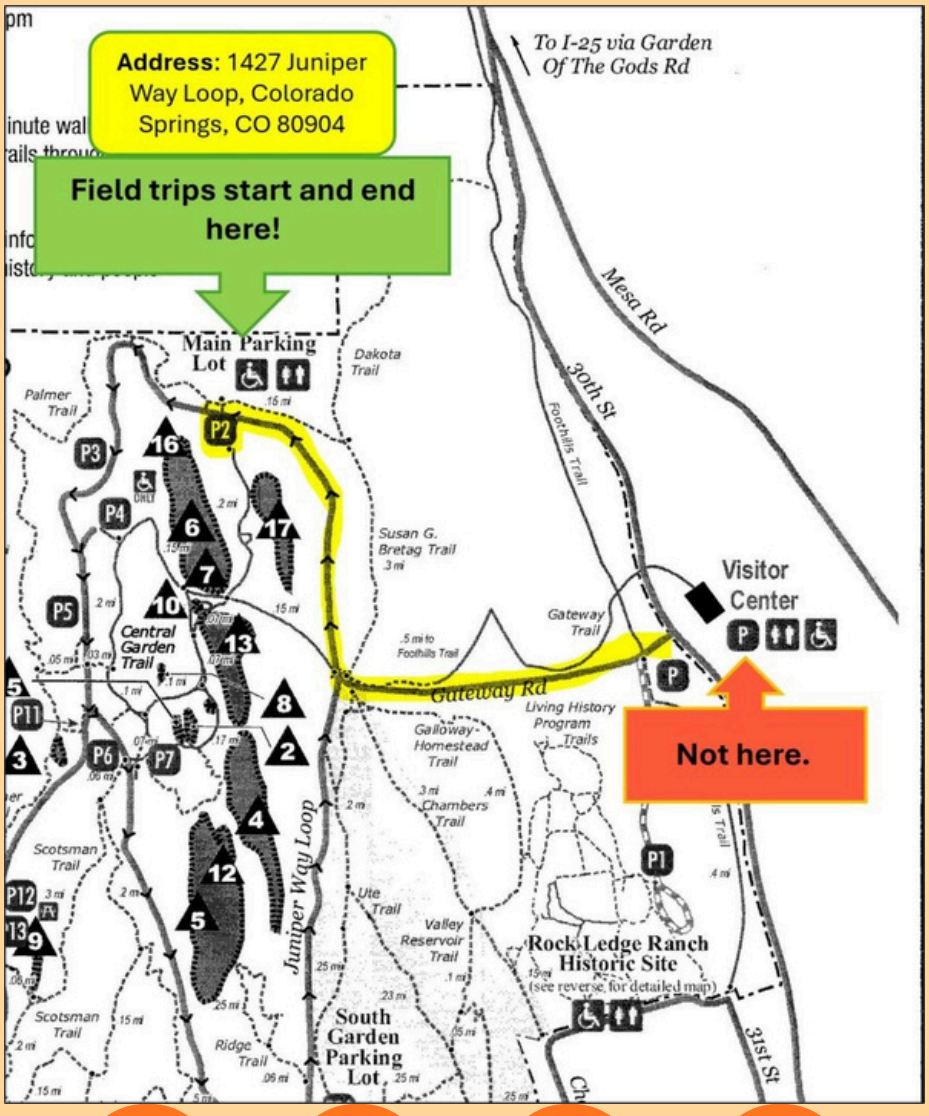
~When You Arrive~

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Please make sure you arrive at the correct place!

- Your field trip will **not** stop at the Visitor and Nature Center. Instead, we will meet at Parking Lot #2 and spend the entire adventure hiking in the park!
- Please ensure your bus driver pulls into the **FIRST** left into the parking lot.
- There is bus parking on both the east and west sides of the parking lot. Please use the east side if open (near the overlook, at the entrance)
- **Please have your students stay on the bus for a brief introduction with our staff before their hike.**



~Pre- Visit Activities~

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Pre-Visit Video

Show your students this video to help them prepare for their field trip!
https://youtu.be/rBHDUky1O8U





Pre-Visit Discussion

As a class, create a brainstorming chart on what the students already know about your field trip topic. What questions do they have about the Park? What do they think they will learn during their visit?

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~Post- Visit Activities~

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Tell Us What You Learned!

Our volunteers love hearing about the impact the have on the students. Please consider writing thank you letter or having the students draw a picture about what they learned!





Teachers: Please Fill out our Survey!

Please help us improve the experience for future visitors. Consider filling out our brief survey here:
https://forms.gle/8gtTC8q2Q6PjNBvq7

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~Program Overview~

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Academic Standards

Our programs align with current Colorado Academic Standards for K-12 Life Science, Earth and Space Science, Earth Systems, and Earth and Human Activity





Geology

Our geology trips discuss the rock types and major geologic processes. Students have the opportunity to make hands-on observations about the rocks that make up the Garden of the Gods.

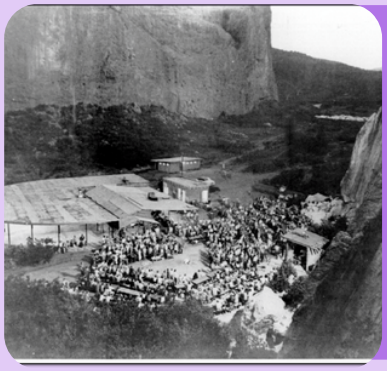
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Ecology

Our ecology trips discuss the six ecosystems in the Garden of the Gods, as well as the concepts of habitat, ecosystem and predator-prey relationships. Students have the opportunity to examine the way the animals and plants interact with each other.





History

Our history trips discuss the history of human habitation in the Garden of the Gods. We will examine how the Ute American Indians used the land, and the impact the Garden had on European exploration and American expansion.

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