



FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK STATE PARK

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EXPECTATIONS FOR FIELD TRIP GROUPS

In order to make your field trip as successful as possible, we ask students to follow P.E.R.C.H. while they are here visiting. Before your arrival on field trip day, please share the following expectations with your students.

Participation

In order to get the most out of their field trip experience, we look for students to be participating in discussions, activities, and hikes. Participation includes active listening, asking questions, staying with the group, and maintaining a positive attitude. We realize that participation can look different to different people, so please let us know how we can help all students meet this goal.

Environmental manners

Students can practice good environmental manners to help us keep our park as pristine as possible. While we are out in the forest, we ask that students:

- *Leave all natural objects where they are found.* Sticks, rocks, leaves, and fir cones are all an important part of the forest and need to remain part of the ecosystem.
- *Pack out all trash.* Compost, garbage, and recycling containers will be available in the Jackson Shelter.
- *Stay on the trails.* Our forest and creek beds are fragile systems. Humans and their pets can cause erosion, destroying fish habitat and compacting soil.

Respect

There are many people and things that we are working to respect while on a Field Trip:

- *Nature Guides.* Our trained volunteers dedicate thousands of hours each year to helping students make connections with the natural world.
- *Teachers and chaperones.* Students would not be able to have these field trips if it were not for the hard work of their classroom teacher and volunteer chaperones.
- *The Tryon Creek forest ecosystem.* By having good environmental manners, students will be respecting the forest and all its inhabitants.
- *Our classmates and ourselves.* Students can respect their classmates by giving them space to learn at their own pace, keeping our hands to ourselves, and using kind language. Students can respect themselves by participating, keeping safe by staying on the trails, and asking questions if they don't understand an expectation or instruction.

Cooperation

While students are on their field trip, they will be working as a team to explore the Tryon Creek ecosystem. It is important that they are cooperating as part of that team so that all members can be successful.

Have fun!

We will have lots of fun together on our field trip, as long as all students are participating, having great environmental manners, respecting themselves and the people around them, and cooperating as part of their team!

Looking forward to seeing you at the park!

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