

## Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park Field Trip Reminders

Welcome! We are excited that your group is visiting the park. Here are some helpful reminders so that all can enjoy their visit to Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park. The visitor center, museum, Mission, and restrooms are accessible.

Other visitors will be enjoying the visitor center and park resources at the same time as your group. Please remind and encourage your students and chaperones to be respectful and mindful of other park visitors and to speak in quiet voices and be attentive. Please make certain that chaperones stay with their assigned groups and arrange for at least one adult helper for every 6-7 students. An adult needs to be with student groups at all times.

The Sacred Encounters Exhibit has many wonderful items on display and some items and displays are very fragile. We expect your group to be respectful of and adhere to appropriate behavior fitting the museum setting and stay together in assigned groups. No running, hiding, or goofing off is permitted. Please do not let your students or chaperones lean on or tap the cases, video screens, or scrim. The exception is an interactive display that provides a quality learning experience and designed to be interacted with. No photography is allowed within the exhibit, this includes photos taken with cell phones. If unacceptable behavior is observed, your group will be asked to leave the exhibit.

This is a sacred site and one of Idaho's gems. To help preserve Idaho's Oldest Standing Building and respect the site, we expect appropriate behavior while your group is touring the Parish House, Mission, and grounds. You can help preserve these cultural resources by quietly observing programs and displays. We expect students and their adults to remain together and make sure that students are not running through or playing games within the buildings, cemeteries, or display areas, or climbing on columns/pillars, the bell tower, rock walls, trees, fences or any other structures. Photography is allowed within the Parish House and Mission.

You may experience all types of weather during your visit. Please encourage all to dress accordingly for outdoors and indoors. Picnic tables located throughout the park for lunch but please remain as a group in the various areas. Food, gum and beverages are not allowed in any of the buildings.

We love students and chaperones to shop in our gift shop during their visit. Please ensure that students enter in small groups accompanied by an adult, who is prepared to assist students with decision making, line monitoring and paying for items.

Assist us in preserving and protecting the park and its resources. Please stay on trails, and leave flowers and leaves in their original place. Do not pick flowers or strip leaves from the vegetation. Help us preserve and protect the park environment, by using the garbage cans located throughout the park.

Talk with your students and chaperones about appropriate behavior should they encounter wildlife. At times there are moose within the park and groups should be respectful of animal space, particularly if there are young animals with their mothers.

Adhering to these field trip reminders helps us provide a quality experience for your group. Please arrange for everyone to leave all electronic devices on the bus and set cell phones to vibrate.