

Field Trip Guidelines

Nimbus Fish Hatchery Guided Tours

We want your visit to Nimbus Fish Hatchery to be enjoyable and educational! For the safety of your group and our wildlife, review these guidelines prior to your field trip.



PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

For any questions regarding field trip logistics prior to arrival, call or text our Education Programs Manager at **(916) 597-7752**.

Groups should be no more than 35 students, plus adults. Staffing is limited and at times we may need to combine groups. We suggest a ratio of 1 adult to every 4-8 children.

Guided tours are typically 90 minutes with morning tours starting at **9:30 a.m.** and afternoon tours starting at **12 p.m.**, unless otherwise arranged. Arrive 10-15 min prior to tour start time. Please try not to arrive too early. If you arrive late, your tour may need to be shortened.

Spawning Operations

Hatchery technicians process Chinook salmon for a limited time on Monday and Thursday mornings from the beginning of November through mid-December. Steelhead trout are processed on Tuesday mornings. Hatchery operations vary and we cannot guarantee that you will see the process. If your tour is scheduled during this time, we will do our best to catch a peek!

ARRIVAL

For **DAY OF cancellations or late arrivals** call or text our Education Programs Manager at **(916) 597-7752**.

Buses can drop off and return at pickup time or remain in the north end of the parking lot near the riverside. Staff naturalists will meet groups at the parking lot next to the 'Group Meeting Area' sign.

It is critical that you and your chaperones support our staff with safety and group management. Please review our Chaperones Tips prior to arrival.

Stay in assigned groups and follow the instructions of our staff naturalists. Watch your step and always use walking feet! Walking path surfaces vary from concrete, asphalt, dirt, gravel, and bark chips. Surfaces may be wet and slippery. We do tours rain or shine! Be sure everyone in your group is **equipped for the weather**. The grounds/trail are ADA accessible.

VISITOR CENTER

No fish food, people food and drinks, or gum inside. Treat the Visitor Center and other visitors with respect. Use indoor voices and do not climb on exhibits. Try your best to keep children off the viewing glass.

Restrooms and drinking fountains (ADA accessible) are located within the Nimbus Visitor Center. Drinking fountains are located across from the entrance and restrooms are across from the fish display case.

OUTDOOR AREAS

Fish are fed 4-8 times daily by hatchery staff. When the feed truck circles the raceways, please move out of the way. Do not collect food off the cart. Our staff naturalists will provide fish food for your group at the end of your tour. For the health of the fish, do not bring outside fish food. We suggest bringing hand sanitizer.

Visitors with severe allergies should handle fish food with caution. Please be aware that fish feed may contain or come into contact with common allergens, such as wheat, fish, shellfish or yeast.

We have a nature trail with natural hazards such as thorny bushes, muddy puddles, splintering wood, and soft, steep banks. Be vigilant and help your guide to keep children safely away from these hazards.

Lunch tables are available for eating prior to or after your tour. Morning tours can have lunch from **11:00-11:30 a.m.** (after the tour). Afternoon tours can have lunch from **11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** (before the tour). Please ensure all trash is cleaned up, especially small wrappers or food crumbs. Plan to pack out any large boxes you bring. We need and appreciate your assistance in carefully cleaning your area and keeping our grounds clean.

Thank you and see you soon!