

# Nimbus Fish Hatchery

## Guidelines for School Tours

We want your visit to the Nimbus Fish Hatchery (NFH) to be enjoyable and educational. For the safety of your group and our fish, review these guidelines with your students just prior to your field trip and when your group arrives.

1. Always stay in assigned groups and follow the instructions of your leader or guide.
2. No fish food, people food/drinks or gum inside the visitor center. Please treat the visitor center and other visitors with respect. Use quiet voices and do not climb or hang on exhibits.
3. Watch your step. You will be **walking** on concrete, asphalt and gravel which may be wet and slippery. Dress for the weather.
4. Use restrooms accompanied by an adult chaperone. Toilets are located inside the visitor center and along the exterior of the NFH office. Do not play with the restroom doors and access buttons.
5. Please do not play or rest on ramps, rails and stairs. Use the ramp, not stairs to enter the visitor center. The "stream bank" along the ramp may be used for seating. No jumping please.
6. Do not throw rocks or trash into the water at the hatchery or the river. Please keep your hands out of the fish raceways.
7. The fish are fed four to eight times daily. When the feed truck begins to circle the raceways, please move out of its way. The truck typically makes two trips around the ponds. Do not collect food off the cart.
8. Your group will be given containers of fish food (enough for a handful for everyone). Please return the containers. Scheduled, self-guided groups may pick up their bags at the "fish desk" in the Visitor Center. Additional food is available from dispensers at both NFH and the adjacent American River Trout Hatchery. 5 cents per handful, bring nickels. Change is available in limited quantities at the "fish desk". We cannot sell additional bags. Do not shake or otherwise abuse the dispensers. **Use fish food from the dispensers or hatchery staff only!**
9. You may be feeding the fish on your way back to the parking lot. It is helpful to bring hand-wipes so students do not need to return to restrooms to wash-up after handling the fish food.
10. Trash cans are located throughout the hatchery. We need and appreciate your assistance in keeping the hatchery clean.
11. If you need help, please ask a naturalist or hatchery worker. First aid supplies are at the "fish desk".
12. The guided tours which occur at the same time as the self-guided tours are on a very tight schedule and may occasionally need to ask that a self-guided group temporarily move away from an area.

Thanks for your help!