



Landmark Park Education Department



2022-23 Field Trip Guide



A Note from Tabitha

Dear Educator:

Thank you for considering Landmark Park as your educational programming resource. Landmark Park is a unique, 150-acre outdoor classroom where you and your students can experience the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Wiregrass Region. In this planning guide you will find all the information needed to schedule a field trip to Landmark Park where your students will participate in hands-on learning curriculum that correlates to the state standards.

Our Field Classes, Planetarium Programs, and Seasonal Sessions have been specially designed to provide students with activities to complement their classroom studies. Whether it is our turn-of-the-century farmstead, outdoor wildlife exhibits, planetarium, or boardwalk, the Park offers an exciting array of learning opportunities that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. Most of our programs can be customized to meet your needs! Just let us know what you want to focus on and we will do our best to accommodate you. With advanced notice, we can also develop custom programs for your students.

On August 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Teachers, parents, and kids of all ages are welcome to come to our Education Festival. This event offers a unique experience for parents and teachers to come and see what the Education Department offers. There will be a variety of stations for each subject that we cover, including Art, History, Science and S.T.E.M. Teachers who attend this event will receive 10 percent off of your next field trip you schedule at Landmark Park! Just come visit the Information Booth for details.

We will be providing field trips from September 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Schools may register for the next school year during the summer months of June, July and August. We look forward to working with you and your students and providing an unforgettable learning experience!

Sincerely,

Tabitha

Tabitha Bunge-Shumaker
Education Director

Pick Your Program

Select a program style that suits your needs.

Visit the park for one of the following:

- **Field Classes** Unique, hands-on learning opportunities to reinforce lessons learned in the classroom.
- **Seasonal Sessions** These unique classes are only offered certain times of the year, so book early as spots fill up fast!
- **Planetarium Programs** Programs taught in our 30-foot planetarium dome using our state of the art projection system to create a fully immersive learning experience. (Think 360 IMAX theater)
- **Add-On Mini Sessions** These classes can be added to any field class or planetarium program. Taught in the form of a field class, these condensed classes are great for groups that want a little more but don't have quite enough time for a full program.
- **Self Led** Use the park as a backdrop for your lessons. Just let us know you're coming!

Or let us come to you!

- **Field Class Follow-up** These programs are designed for groups scheduled to Landmark Park for a field class, but want the students to have a little more information than just one program can give. We can come to your classroom to work with your students before and/or after your program to reinforce concepts learned at Landmark Park.
- **Traveling Programs** Can't come to the Park for a program? We can bring a custom program to you! These are perfect for after-school programs, scout groups and other club meetings.
- **Virtual Visits** Join us on a new type of adventure with our instructors. If you can't come to us or just want to add one of our programs to your lesson plan, our virtual field trips will allow us to join the class.

Field Classes

(45 Minute: \$7 per student; 1.5 Hour: \$8 per student; 3 Hour: \$10 per student)

Farm Tour

Students will acquire a greater understanding of the lifestyle of rural farm families at the turn of the century with a visit to our Wiregrass Farmstead. Students will learn about the role each animal played on the farm over 100 years ago.

Recommended age: Pre K-2nd Grade

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hour

Radical Reptiles

Live animal program! In this program, students will learn the importance of reptiles as well as their distinguishing characteristics. Students will learn about the different adaptations reptiles have to survive in their environment as well as what kinds of reptiles can be found in this area.

Recommended age: K-8th Grade

Program Length: 45 minutes

Discovering Our World

Using their five senses and magnifying glasses, students will explore the world around them and discover the living things that call Landmark Park's nature trail home. Students will use their senses to learn about the many different textures, colors, sounds, and scents in nature.

Recommended age: Pre K-2nd Grade

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

Incredible Insects

There are more kinds of insects than all other kinds of animals put together, yet we know very little about these important animals. In this program, students will be introduced to the identifying characteristics of insects through hands-on activities on our nature trail and boardwalk, including insect classification activities and a scavenger hunt. The three hour version of this program includes a microscope program.

Recommended age: K-8th Grade

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 or 3 hours

Life in a Log

There is a complete, small ecosystem inside each “dead” log. Students will learn about the life of a tree, the animals that depend on it, and what happens to it after it dies. Observation and recording skills are utilized to learn more about the producers, consumers, and decomposers in this forest floor habitat.

Recommended Age: 2nd-8th Grade

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

Authors and Explorers

Overview: Using the fragrances, sounds, textures, and tapestry of nature around them as inspiration, students will learn to express themselves articulately through nature journaling. Using metaphors, similes, and adjectives to describe what they are experiencing, students will learn how early naturalists and explorers described the world around them. Students will also have an opportunity to experience use magnifying glasses to get a closer look at nature and much more.

Recommended Age: 3rd-8th Grade

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

What's Wild, What's Not

Overview: During this program, students will have an opportunity to see farm animals while learning about how they benefit us and learn about the characteristics of domestication. We will then move on to the wild side of the animal kingdom and learn about the wild animals that call Landmark Park home, specifically beavers. The students will learn about animal adaptations by helping to “build” a beaver.

Recommended age: K-2nd Grade

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

Forest Adventures

Overview: A forest is more than just trees. Find out about the interactions in a forest community, from the producers to the consumers, to the decomposers. A walk on our trails will give students the chance to explore our forest more closely and learn about these connections through hands-on experiences in Landmark Park's outdoor classroom!

Recommended age: 5th Grade-8th Grade

Program Length: 1.5 hours, 3 hours

Birds of Landmark Park

Landmark Park is home to many different types of birds. In this program, students will learn the identifying characteristics of birds and what makes them important within an ecosystem, focusing specifically on owls. Students will have the unique experience of dissecting sterile owl pellets to discover what their raptor had for dinner! Students will also learn that both predators and prey are important in maintaining the balance within an ecosystem.

Recommended age: 3rd-8th Grade

Program Length: 1.5 hours, 3 hours

Wiregrass Farmstead

Costumed in period dress, students will learn about what life was like in the Wiregrass area for children their age over 100 years ago. Students will get the opportunity to care for the farm animals and help in the garden all while experiencing first hand how hard farm life could be. Students will also learn about the Waddell House and the other structures on the farm, and why they would have been important. Costumes are provided by Landmark Park. Maximum number of students for this program is 30.

Recommended Age: 3rd-8th Grade

Program Length: 3 hours

Meet The Mammals

Live animal program! Whether your class is learning about mammals or you class just loves furry animals, this field class will take your students on a journey through the life of a mammal and define the characteristics of a mammal. Students will learn many cool facts about mammals as well as our relationship and role in their environment.

Recommended age: K-8th Grade

Program length: 45 minutes

Predator vs. Prey

Live animal program! In the wild, every creature has a prey and every prey has a predator. In the program, students will take a crazy adventure and venture into the territory of a predator then learn a prey's defense game plan. This program has a focus on the food web and what happens when something is taken away as well as allowing students to see the relationship between a predator and prey.

Recommended age: K-8th Grade

Program length: 45 minutes

Navigating our World

Maps and compasses are useful tools for navigation and have been used for thousands of years. Through demonstrations, explanations, and hands-on activities, students will gain an understanding of how to use a map and a compass.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above

Program length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

Music of the Wiregrass

Music is a language all its own. It tells stories and is rich in culture. Students will learn the history behind the many musical instruments common in Wiregrass history and will also get to try their hand at different instruments.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above

Program length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

One Room Schoolhouse

Over 100 years ago, one room schoolhouses were common in this area. The school day was very different from what we are familiar with today, and students learned in different ways than students today because there were so many different grades in one room. In this program, we will focus on what made one room school houses unique, how schools today are different, and a few of the learning methods used over 100 years ago. Students will have an opportunity to participate in an old fashioned spelling bee, math drills, and school yard games all while dressed the way students would have dressed over 100 years ago. Costumes are provided by Landmark Park. **Due to the hands on nature of this program, groups are limited to approximately 30 students per session.**

Recommended Age: 3rd-8th Grade

Program Length: 2 hours

Customized Field Classes Available! If there is a specific topic you would like your students to learn about or want the field trip to emphasize what they are learning in class, customize your field trip! This is a unique way to schedule a field trip and helps extend the classroom to the great outdoors. Please schedule at least a month in advance for proper preparation time. Teachers can still add other mini sessions to this field trip.

Unsure of which to pick, a 1.5 hour or a 3 hour field class? Here are a few things to consider: Can your group be out on the trail for a long period of time? If so, we highly recommend the 3 hour program. It allows for more hands-on activities and more in-depth instruction time. Do you have to be back at the school before lunch? Depending on how far you have to travel, the 1.5 hour program might be your best option because it is more concise. Still have questions? Call or email us!

Seasonal Sessions

(Prices vary; see each description for details)

Harvest Heydays

Your class will enjoy an educational program full of fall harvest fun at Harvest Heydays! This event centers on a visit to the pumpkin patch where each child will take home their very own pumpkin. We will also have many other fall-related educational activities such as corn pulling and shucking, cotton picking, peanut stacking, and hayrides. We will also have the corn maze which will give your students the opportunity to enjoy corn in a whole new way. *(Some activities are based on crop availability)*. **No minimum number of students required for this program. Unlimited parents are allowed to attend this program.**

Dates: October 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21, 2022

Cost: \$12 per Student; \$6 per Adult; Additional Pumpkins \$3 each

Program Length: 4 hours (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Recommended age: Pre K – 5th Grade

Living History

Costumed Program! Give your students the experience of living and working on a Wiregrass Farmstead in the early 1900s. Students will get the opportunity to cook on the hearth, make butter, care for the farm animals, help in the garden and more! Costumed in period dress, students will be divided into small groups in order to participate at the different workstations. This half-day program will conclude with lunch prepared by the students at the Waddell House, traditional games, a hay ride, and an ice cream cone from the Martin Drugstore. **Due to the hands on nature of this program, classes are limited to a maximum of 30 students and a minimum of 20 students.**

Dates: November 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 2022

February 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2023

Cost: \$15 per student (includes lunch and an ice cream)

Program Length: 4 hours (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Recommended age: 3rd-5th Grade

Christmas Past

Thinking of Christmas the way your grandparents described it to you? Students can experience some of the same activities and emotions of this very special season with cider tasting and story-telling by the fireplace. The children will also be invited to play parlor games and construct old-fashioned ornaments they may take home with them.

Due to the hands on nature of this program, groups are limited to approximately 30 students per session. Unlimited parents are allowed to attend this program.

Dates: November 28, 29, 30, December 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 2022

Cost: \$12 per student; \$6 per adult

Program Length: 1.5 hours (9 a.m. and 11 a.m. time slots available)

Recommended age: PreK-6th Grade

Aerospace Week

You are invited! Students will enjoy many activities such as learning how to pilot as well as learn the history behind female pilots like Amelia Earhart. Join our instructors on our launch pad where we will launch rockets into the air, take an adventure into space in our planetarium, listen to a guest speaker in our Activity Barn and many more interactive adventures into the sky! No minimum number of students required for this program.

Teachers will need to sign up for a Planetarium time slot when registering.

Dates: March 22, 23, 24, 2023

Cost: \$12 per student

Program Length: 4 hours (9- 1 PM)

Recommended age: 2nd-8th grade

Wonderful Wetlands

Designed specifically for middle school students, this program offers a unique learning experience perfect for older more adventurous groups willing to roll up their sleeves and get a little wet and muddy. Students will conduct activities to understand how streams and ponds form, how freshwater organisms adapt, and how factors such as pH affect these environments. Students will have an opportunity to explore an actual nearby freshwater ecosystem. Due to the special nature of this lab, space is limited to one class (20-24 students) per session. Students should come prepared to get wet and muddy in this class. Rain boots can be provided. Students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes.

Dates: April 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2023

Cost: \$12

Recommended age: 3rd-8th Grade

Program Length: 3 hours (9 a.m.-noon)

Earth Day

Join Landmark Park as we celebrate Mother Earth! Students will have hands-on activities and learn many different engaging topics relevant to being good stewards of our planet. Learn how the recycling process works while making paper and plant your own seeds in our gardens. Students will fully engage in "Recycle, Reuse, Reduce." Due to the nature of this program, space is limited.

Date: April 22, 2022

Cost: \$12

Recommended age: PreK-12th Grade

Program Length: 4 hours (9 a.m.-noon)

Life of a Honeybee

Busy as a bee? We'll take a day to join Landmark park's beekeepers! Learn everything there is to know about honeybees through this interactive program. Bees help grow our food and pollinate our planet. Come learn about the bee's life cycle, history and important job serving the queen. Students will see how to care for a honeybee hive and well as learn some safety tips. Let's not forget the best part--tasting the honey! Due to the nature of this program, there is a maximum number of students able to participate per day. Register today to secure your spot.

Dates: May 9, 10, 11, 12, 2023

Cost: \$10 per student

Recommended age: PreK-8th

Program Length: 3 hours (9 a.m.-noon)

Planetarium Programs

Please note that the maximum capacity for the Planetarium is 35 individuals. This number includes children, teachers, and chaperones. Please take this into account when planning your program. We can only present one planetarium program at a time, so please plan on splitting into two groups if you're bringing more than 35 individuals.

(Live programs: \$8 per person; Full Dome Movies: \$7 per person)

Live Programs

Seasonal Stars & Stories

In this fully immersive program, students will experience the night sky in our state-of-the-art digital Planetarium. Set to Landmark Park's latitude and longitude, our Planetarium allows students to learn about what will be visible that night, as well as learning the mythology associated with the stars and constellations. Recommended age: K and above; Program Length: 45 minutes

Race to Space

During the Cold War, the Soviets and Americans began a race to see who would be the first to put a man in space. Starting in 1957 and ending with an exciting conclusion on July 20, 1969, the Race to Space dramatically changed the world. This program will take a walk on the moon with the people who were major characters of The Space Race and help participants learn a better understanding of how that time period still helps us have a better today. Take your students on a discovery of their galaxy, and blast off to the moon! Recommended Age: K and above; Program Length: 45 minutes

Full Dome Movies

The Little Star That Could

Little Star is an average yellow star in search of planets of his own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special, and discovers that stars combine to form star clusters and galaxies. Eventually, Little Star finds his planets. Each planet is introduced with basic information about our solar system.

Recommended age: PreK-2nd Grade; Program Length: 35 minutes

The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

Join two children on a magical journey through the Solar System, aided by a talking book, a cardboard rocket, and a vivid imagination. During this imaginative show, audiences will land on Venus, fly through the rings of Saturn, and discover the secrets of the Solar System. Recommended age: PreK-2nd Grade; Program Length: 45 minutes

Planetarium Programs *Continued*

To Space and Back

To Space and Back takes audiences on an incredible journey from the far reaches of our known universe to our own planet. It is an extraordinary story of human ingenuity and incredible engineering, describing how the technology that transports us through space is paving the way for the devices and apps we use every day. What is happening above is coming back down to Earth! Recommended age: All Ages!; Program Length: 30 minutes

Earth, Moon and Sun

This planetarium show explores the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun with the help of Coyote, an amusing character adapted from Native American oral traditions who has many misconceptions about our home planet and its most familiar neighbors. His confusion about the universe makes viewers think about how the Earth, Moon and Sun work together as a system. Native American stories are used throughout the show to help distinguish between myths and science. Learn the basics of fusion and solar energy and why the Sun rises and sets. Examine the Moon's orbit, craters, phases and eclipses. You'll even take a look at past and future space travel to our Moon ... and beyond! Recommended age: All Ages! Program Length: 30 minutes

Astronomy: 3,000 Years of Stargazing

The sky, and everything that happens in it, has always piqued our curiosity. Eclipses, the regular cycle of the seasons, and the motion of the stars have fascinated us since our earliest ancestors looked up to the sky. In the learned company of a cartoon Einstein, this show takes audiences on a tour of the major astronomical milestones of the last 3,000 years — from the cosmological models of antiquity, through the Ptolemaic system of epicycles, to the contributions of Copernicus, Newton, Hubble and many others. We explore the discoveries made possible by the use of technology — from the first telescope used by Galileo — to modern ones in use on Earth and in space. Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above Program Length: 35 minutes

Two Small Pieces of Glass

While attending a local star party, two teenage students learn how the telescope has helped us understand our place in space and how telescopes continue to expand our understanding of the universe. The students see how telescopes work and how the largest observatories in the world use these instruments to explore the mysteries of the universe. While looking through the astronomer's telescope, the students explore the Galilean Moons, Saturn's rings, and spiral structure of galaxies. They also learn about the discoveries of Galileo, Huygens, Newton, Hubble and many others. Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above. Program Length: 25 minutes

Dynamic Earth

Dynamic Earth explores the inner workings of Earth's great life support system: the global climate. With visualizations based on satellite monitoring data and advanced supercomputer simulations, this cutting-edge production follows a trail of energy that flows from the Sun into the interlocking systems that shape our climate: the atmosphere, oceans, and the biosphere. Audiences will ride along on swirling ocean and wind currents, dive into the heart of a monster hurricane, come face-to-face with sharks and gigantic whales, and fly into roiling volcanoes. Recommended Age: All Ages!
Program Length: 30 minutes

Add-On Mini Sessions

45 minutes, \$5 per person.

These condensed classes can be added to any field class or planetarium program.

Great for groups that want just little extra.

Authors & Explorers

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Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above

Life in a Log

There is a complete, small ecosystem inside each “dead” log. Students will learn about the life of a tree, the animals that depend on it, and what happens to it after it dies. Observation and recording skills are utilized to learn more about the producers, consumers, and decomposers in this forest floor habitat.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above

Textiles

Students learn about turn-of-the-century textile production including how wool and cotton are prepared. Activities may include washing wool, carding wool or cotton, observing spinning, and trying their hands at weaving on a variety of looms.

Recommended age: 2nd Grade and Above

Incredible Insects

Learn about the most common animals on earth: the insects. Find out about harmful and beneficial species and some of the more common types of insects. Students will have an opportunity to observe insects in their natural habitat.

Recommended age: preK and Above

Add-On Mini Sessions *Continued*

Radical Reptiles

Live animal program! In this program, students will learn the importance of reptiles as well as their distinguishing characteristics. Students will also have the opportunity to touch a live reptile!

Recommended age: K and Above

Old Time Games

Students learn about how children amused themselves in the late 1800s and what games they might have played. Activities may include trying out a variety of old time games such as marbles, jacks, tug-a-war, and many more!

Recommended age: K and Above

Navigating our World

Maps and compasses are useful tools for navigation and have been used for thousands of years. Through demonstrations, explanations, and hands-on activities, students will gain an understanding of how to use a map and a compass.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above

Farm Tour

Students will acquire a greater understanding of the lifestyle of rural farm families at the turn of the century with a visit to our Wiregrass Farmstead. Students will learn about the many aspects of farm life, including household chores, food preparation, and recreation.

Recommended age: preK and Above

Nature Hike

During this 45 minute hike, students will have a chance to explore and learn about all the living things that call Landmark Park home. Teachers can choose between a hike on the Nature Trail or the Boardwalk as well as an aspect to focus on during the hike such as insects, birds, plants, etc.

Recommended age: preK and Above

Self-Led Field Trips

Self-Led Programs are not conducted by a Landmark Park staff member. The Park is often visited by several different school groups on the same day. In order to ensure we do not have any conflicting programs, we ask that all self-led groups make reservations two weeks prior to coming to the Park. Reservations may be made by filling out the Self-Led Group Reservation Request Form. Self-led groups do not require a deposit and only pay regular admission, which is \$4 for students and \$5 for adults. All self-led groups will receive a program confirmation letter via email from the Education Department and an orientation from a staff member upon your arrival. All self-led groups are expected to adhere to the Education Department's policies. Groups that show up without a reservation will risk being turned away if it happens to be on a day when we cannot accommodate self-led groups. Self-led trips are a great option for those who want to allow parents to join their student on their field trip.

Alabama Agricultural Museum Come visit the Alabama's official museum of agriculture to bring history to life. This immersive experience will take you through a journey of what daily life was like in the late 1800s in Alabama. You will follow an agricultural product from beginning to end as well as traveling through time in each exhibit Discover new things in our gift shop as well!

Wiregrass Farmstead and Town Square This historical farmstead has several buildings to view as well as farm animals. Students will discover our blacksmith shop, kitchen garden, barn, Watson Cabin, smokehouse, and even an outhouse! The Waddell House is located in the center of the farmstead. This is a must see for students of all ages and a great learning opportunity of how technology has radically changed over a century ago. The town square features a one-room schoolhouse, historic church, and soda fountain.

Boardwalk Students will be able to journey around our 1/4 mile, elevated boardwalk and see the many signs left by our wildlife that call Landmark Park home. Enjoy the beaver dams and lodges, feed the turtles and fish in our creeks, and even see a unique beehive in our famous bee tree. The boardwalk is handicapped accessible.

Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Exhibit Located in our Interpretive Center Lobby, this brand new exhibit showcases the longleaf pine ecosystem with live animals, graphics and interactive activities.

We also have a playground and picnic tables!

Self-Led Reservation Request

You may complete this form online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com, fax to 334-677-7229, call 334-794-3452 or email education@landmarkparkdothan.com with the following information:

This is only a program request. Your registration is not complete until you receive your program confirmation from a Landmark Park staff member. There are some days during the school year when we cannot accommodate self-led groups.

Your Name _____

School/Group Name _____

Lead Teacher's Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Number of Students _____ Number of Adults _____

Grade(s) _____

Requested Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Departure Time _____

Additional Information or Comments _____

Off-site Opportunities

- **Field Class Follow-up** These programs are designed for groups scheduled to Landmark Park for a field class, but want the students to have a little more information than just one program can give. We can come to your classroom to work with your students before and/or after your program to reinforce concepts learned at Landmark Park.
- **Traveling Programs** Can't come to the Park for a program? We can bring a custom program to you! These are perfect for after-school programs, scout groups and other club meetings.
- **Virtual Visits** No matter the reason, our virtual field trip will allow your class to take a journey through Landmark Park's many field classes. Enjoy pre-recorded videos with our instructors or let us join the conversation via video conference! Virtual Field Trips allow us to teach a broader range of topics as well as most of our programs. Whether your students are learning about blacksmithing, reptiles, or the life cycle of a tree, our virtual field trips are a wonderful addition to your lesson plans!

Program Pricing

Your program fee covers admission for the day, so feel free to stay after your program and explore our trails, Wiregrass Farmstead, and historic buildings. You can also play on the playground, visit our Interpretive Center Gift Shop and the Martin Drugstore.

On-site Programs

Field Classes

45 minute program: \$7

1.5 hour program: \$8

3 hour program: \$10

Seasonal Sessions

Harvest Heydays: \$12 per student,
\$6 per adult, \$3 per extra pumpkin

Living History \$15

Christmas Past: \$12 per student,
\$6 per adult

Aerospace Week: \$12

Wonderful Wetlands: \$12

Life of a Honeybee: \$10

Planetarium

Live Show: \$8 per person

Full Dome Movie: \$7 per person

Add-On Mini Sessions

45 minutes: \$5 per person

Self Led

\$5 for adults, \$4 for kids

Off-site Programs

Field Class Follow-Up: \$4 per student
plus \$0.54 per mile, round trip
(applicable only in conjunction with an on-site program)

Traveling Field Class: \$6 per student for
45 minute program;
\$8 per student for 1.5 hour program
\$0.54 per mile round trip
(15 student minimum)

Virtual Field Trip

\$125 per class

Park Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Gift Shop: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Martin Drugstore: Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

LANDMARK PARK ACCEPTS, CASH, CHECK OR CARD

Program Details

Group Size

Landmark Park can accommodate field trips for various numbers of students. However, we recommend teachers schedule trips for two classes or a maximum of 60 students per group. For larger groups, please contact the Education Department. We cannot present programs for groups smaller than 10 students (some exclusions do apply).

Due to fire code regulations; the MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY FOR THE PLANETARIUM IS 40 INDIVIDUALS. Student safety is our number one priority so we will not allow more than 40 individuals; students and adults, into the planetarium at a time so please plan accordingly.

Due to the popularity of our programs, an accurate count of student participants is due two weeks prior to the program date. Once the two week deadline has passed, the school is responsible for a minimum payment of 80% of the number of students participants stated in the program confirmation letter, or the last number submitted in writing prior to the two week deadline. Any changes to a program must be submitted in writing to the Education Department via email or mail. (education@landmarkparkdothan.com, ATTN: Education Department P.O. Box 6362 Dothan, AL 36302). The Education Department will confirm any changes in writing.

Clothing

Adults and children should wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather. Closed toe shoes are required. Please plan for weather and remind students to bring sweaters/jackets/rain jackets when necessary. We operate in all kinds of weather.

Arrival and Departure

Please make plans to arrive at the park at least 15 minutes or more prior to your scheduled education program. This will give you plenty of time to exit the bus and get in to your groups, and use the restrooms, as well as meet up with any extra chaperones or parents. Please arrive on time. Late groups may have their program shortened to conclude on time. Groups who arrive 30 minutes late or more risk missing the entire program.

In most cases we have more than one group on site and need to stick to our schedule. When you arrive at the Park, our gate attendant will greet your group, accept any program fees, and direct you where you park and meet your instructor. Please make sure all adults

attending, including bus drivers, know that EVERY vehicle must stop to check in at our gate house. All vehicles must also park where the gate attendant directs them to park.

Early arrivals may have to wait until staff and program preparations are ready. During this delay you and your group are invited to explore the grounds, just be sure to be back at the designated meeting point in time for your program. Please be respectful of other groups on-site who may already be in a program while exploring the Park grounds.

A staff member will greet you and your students in the parking area to give your group an orientation. If classes are to be divided or broken up into groups, please have this organized before your arrival. Please note the orientation is for ALL students and chaperones, even if their program is not until a later time.

Please pay attention to your program information letter, as it contains important information about where you will need to park, unload, meet the Landmark Park staff member, etc.

Martin Drugstore Pre-Orders

If you need to be back at the school by a certain time, please remember that milkshakes and malts from the Martin Drugstore are made from scratch and may take up to an additional 3-5 minutes each to make. If you're in a hurry, we recommend requesting a pre-order of ice cream or telling your students they can only order ice cream (cups or cones). Pre-orders and prepayment are due one week before the program. Please note the Martin Drugstore is not open on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Responsibilities of Teachers and Chaperones

During your visit the behavior of your students will be your responsibility. We hope that your primary concern, as ours, is to provide quality education for your students. We reserve the right to dismiss disruptive and disrespectful individuals or groups from a program. Landmark Park staff also reserves the right to make corrections to student behavior, especially if there is an immediate safety issue.

Reservations

Due to the popularity of our programming, teachers are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible. To start the reservation process, please fill out a reservation request form which can be found on our website. (www.landmarkparkdothan.com/registration-form/) Please note your reservation is not complete until you have received

your program confirmation letter and paid you deposit or signed a contract! A deposit of 25% of your total program fee is due two weeks after you submit your program request form. For groups unable to submit a deposit, a contract is required. Groups who pay in full two business days prior to the program date will receive a 10% discount. The Education Department will not present programs to groups who have not paid their deposit or submitted a contract in lieu of a deposit. If you have a special request or would like for our staff to emphasize a particular subject during your program, please write it in the “comments” section of your reservation request or email the Education Department. In order to better serve you, all program changes must be requested in writing and occur two weeks prior to the program. Program requests can be submitted via email (education@landmarkparkdothan.com), or mail (ATTN: Education Department P.O. Box 6362 Dothan, AL 36302). Our cancellation policy for education programs can be found on our website (www.landmarkparkdothan.com/policies) or in this program guide. For more information, please contact the Education Department via phone (334-794-3452) or email (education@landmarkparkdothan.com).

General Rules

Landmark Park is a very special place, and your trip to Landmark Park will be what you make of it. It is important to approach Landmark Park as a learning experience. Landmark Park is a living history museum; it collects and preserves (buildings and artifacts as well as natural habitats), studies, and interprets for the public the natural and cultural heritage of the Wiregrass Region. During your visit, the control and behavior of the student's will be the teacher's responsibility. We ask that your primary concern be helping us encourage the development of a unique learning situation.

- Respect others in your group and park staff
- Teachers and chaperones must stay with their groups at all times
- Chaperones should always set good example for the students. This includes not talking during the program, staying off their phones, etc.
- Chaperones are not permitted bring other children with them
- Students and chaperones are asked not to talk while the Educator is talking or while other students are asking questions

-Students should use the bathroom when first arriving at the Park

-Cameras and cell phones are welcome, however we ask that students and adults refrain from using cell phones, chewing gum, or eating food during the program

-Landmark Park staff and the media may be present during your program to take pictures or videos. It is your responsibility to inform the Education Department if you have any students that cannot be photographed.

-Landmark Park reserves the right to send home any student who destroys property, behaves aggressively or takes any other action deemed detrimental to other students or the program. The school will be responsible for providing transportation in such cases and for any damage to the facilities and equipment. No refunds will be made in these circumstances.

Lunch

You are more than welcome to bring in lunches. There are several picnic areas available. There are 12 tables under the playground pavilion, next to the Interpretive Center, and scattered around the Park. All picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make sure all trash is thrown in the trash cans. Please make sure students are aware of the proper recycling bins for aluminum and plastic.

Cost & Payment

Full payment is due no later than the day of the program. Groups who pay in full prior to the program date will receive a 10% discount. We accept credit cards, cash and checks. All checks should be made payable to Landmark Park. If you are mailing your check, please mail it to P.O. Box 6362 Dothan, AL 36302, not our physical address. You will receive an invoice with your program confirmation. Groups paying for programming are allowed to arrive early or stay after your program is complete to enjoy all Landmark Park has to offer. A deposit of 25% or a contract is due before your program booking is complete. Your deposit is due one month after your program request has been submitted, unless otherwise noted by the Education Department Staff. Landmark Park's Education Department will not present programs to groups who have not paid a deposit or signed a contract in lieu of a deposit. Groups registering less than 10 students for Harvest Heydays or Cane Grinding Day must pay in full in order for your program booking to be complete.

Cancellations

Landmark Park reserves the right to alter, reschedule, or cancel programs due to severe weather. A member of the Education Department will contact you to discuss options should this occur. In most cases, programming can be moved indoors or the teacher will have the option to change to an indoor program. Should Landmark Park find it necessary to cancel a program, a full refund will be issued.

If you choose to reschedule or cancel your group, you risk losing any deposit paid and potentially the program fee. Rescheduling or canceling a group must be done at least two weeks prior to your visit. Groups that cancel within two weeks of the program will owe a 10 % processing fee in addition to the 25% deposit amount. Groups that reschedule may transfer deposits from one program to another within the same school year. Landmark Park cannot guarantee availability for the program on a later date. Refunds will not be issued to groups who pre-pay for programs and cancel within two weeks prior to the program date, except in special circumstances. Please note that even if your group has not paid a deposit or the program fee, Landmark Park's Education Department will bill your school for the amount owed should you choose to cancel within the two week period prior to your program date. To cancel or reschedule, please contact the Education Department via mail or email. You will receive a cancellation or rescheduling confirmation once the request has been processed by the Education Department

Parents and Chaperones

Groups will now only be allowed to bring 1 chaperone per 10 students on field trips (Example: 30 students will be permitted to have 3 chaperones) and those chaperones will be free just like school staff (teachers, aides, and bus drivers). There are two exceptions for this rule: 1. Harvest Heydays, Self-Led and Christmas Past, parents are unlimited; 2. Special-needs students that requires both an aid and a parent/chaperone for them alone will be permitted to have an extra chaperone for assistance.

If additional parents/chaperones show up to the program, they WILL be asked to leave the program area by a staff member.

For the seasonal sessions that parents are unlimited, they will ALL be required to pay a program fee. Please note: if some of your parents prepay with your school, but your school does not prepay with the Park, there is usually a lot of confusion at our gate because we have no way of knowing which parents have paid and which ones haven't! Please keep in touch with an Education Department staff member about how you plan

on handling chaperones so they can advise you on the best option and eliminate extra stress and confusion on the day of your program.

Parents or chaperones who are Landmark Park members will still have to pay the program fee.

Parents should not bring their own children, other than the student, to the program. We will ask that parent and sibling(s) to leave the program area.

For school groups who wish to have unlimited parents for their field trip, additional parents can pay gate admission and enjoy the park away from where the students are in programs (or wait to come after programming to enjoy lunch with the students). We also suggest a self-led field trip for these groups; although, a self-led program request is required to make sure there isn't any conflicting field trips. Parents will pay gate admission for self-led tours.

Program Reservation Request

Please fill out one form per program, unless the programs are on the same day.

This is only a program request. Your registration is not complete until you receive your program confirmation from a Landmark Park staff member.

You may complete this form online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com, fax to 334-677-7229, call 334-794-3452 or email education@landmarkparkdothan.com with the following information:

Your Name _____

School/Group Name _____

Lead Teacher's Name _____

Additional Teachers Names _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Number of Students _____ Number of Adults _____

1st Choice program Date and Time _____

2nd Choice Program Date and Time _____

3rd Choice Program Date and Time _____

Grade(s) _____

Academic Level

___Low for Age

___Somewhat Low for Age

___Average for Age

___A Bit High for Age

___Very High for Age

___Other

Are there any key terms or concepts you would like us to focus on or avoid during your program? _____

Do you have any additional comments, questions, or concerns? _____

Discovery Boxes

Discovery Boxes are a great way to enhance your lessons. Discovery boxes are \$25 per box for a two-week rental. A credit card authorization form must be signed for all rentals. To request an item, please fill out our request form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Education Department via phone: 334-794-3452 or email education@landmarkparkdothan.com.

Animal Signs: An assortment of items that give clues as to what kinds of animals might reside in an area. Examples include bones, tracks, feathers, nests, and egg shells.

Birds: Bird related books and visual aids including feathers, nests, bones and owl pellets.

Endangered Species: This box includes various items relating to endangered species. Examples include numerous items confiscated by Conservation Officers such as turtle skin boots, ivory carvings, and elephant hair bracelets.

Insects: Books, posters and other visual aids from the world of insects, including a hornet's nest, insect eggs, moth's cocoon, and an insect collection.

Historical Turn-of-the-Century Life: Look back in time with a box full of items (mostly reproductions) from the turn-of-the-century, including children's toys, clothing items, candlesticks, and washboards.

Mammals: Mammal books and visual aids including skulls, pelts, tracks, and scat from various mammals that can be found in the Wiregrass Region.

Native Americans: Two boxes of books and other items portraying the lives of Native Americans including pottery reproductions, clay gorgets and beads, and stone tools.

Reptiles: Reptile related books, posters and visual aids, including turtle shells, a crocodile egg shell, an alligator cast, snake skins and much more!

Trees: Items, and books about trees. This box includes 'tree rings', leaves, identification charts, and an assortment of seeds.

How it Works

Pick-up and Return

Discovery Boxes cannot be picked up without a prior appointment. Appointments may be made by filling out the Discovery Box Reservation Request Form. A member of the Education Department will then send you an email confirming your pick up date and time. If you would like to change your pick up time, please contact the Education Director ASAP. You and a Landmark Park staff member will inspect the Discovery Box and you will need to sign the rental agreement and credit card authorization forms prior to departing. Upon returning the Discovery Box, you and a Landmark Park staff member will inspect and inventory items in the Discovery Box.

Payment

A credit card authorization form must be signed as a damage/replacement deposit and is required to secure your rental. Payment of \$25/box is due by the pick-up date. Payment can be made by credit card, cash, or check either in person or over the phone. If you would like to mail your payment to Landmark Park, please mail to:

Landmark Park
Attn: Education Department Discovery Boxes
P.O. Box 6362
Dothan, AL 36302

Late Returns

If you find that you will be unable to return the materials on time, please contact Landmark Park as soon as possible. Late fees will be applied at \$10 a day/box. If the box is not returned after a time span of two months, you will be charged a \$250 fee/ box.

Damage

While normal wear and tear are expected, however excessive damage and/or missing items are not. Materials are inventoried and inspected after each use. A \$50 damage fee will be issued for damaged or missing items.

Discovery Box Reservation Request

You may complete this form online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com, fax to 334-677-7229, call 334-794-3452 or email education@landmarkparkdothan.com with the following information:

Your Name _____

School/Group Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please indicate the Discovery Box you would like to rent:

___ Animal Signs ___ Insects ___ Reptiles ___ Mammals ___ Birds

___ Turn-of-the-Century ___ Trees ___ Endangered Species ___ Native Americans

Discovery Boxes rent for a two week period beginning on a Monday. You may pick up the box on a day other than Monday, but your return date remains two weeks after the original Monday pick up date.

Please choose a Monday as your date of choice:

___/___/___ 1st choice ___/___/___ 2nd choice ___/___/___ 3rd choice

Payment Information

Cost: \$25/box for 2 weeks (late fee: \$10 per day). The Discovery Box will be inventoried at pick up and drop off. The price of any missing or damaged items will be charged. Failure to return the box will result in a \$250 fee. Payment may be made in cash, check, or credit card; however a credit card is required as a deposit. Once we have received your paperwork, you will receive a confirmation email.

Discovery Box

Credit Card Authorization

Today's Date _____ Rental Period _____

Discovery Box Name _____

Cardholder Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The above cardholder authorizes Landmark Park to charge the following to the credit card listed below:

- Late fees at the rate of \$10 a day/box.
- After 14 days, a replacement fee of \$250/box.
- A \$50 damage fee for any damaged or missing items.

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Name on Card _____

Authorized Signature _____

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make reservations?

You can make reservations by filling out a reservation request form found on our website www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Reservations are not complete until a 25% deposit or a contract is received by the Education Department and you have received your confirmation letter.

When do I need to pay? What forms of payment do you accept?

We highly recommend you pre-pay for your visit in order to receive a discounted program rate. However, final payment is due on the day of your program. By pre-paying, you will not only receive a 10% discount, but you will also have one less thing to worry about on the day of your program!

How many chaperones will I need?

We allow one chaperone for every 10 students at no charge. It is your responsibility to inform the Education Department if you are taking advantage of our free chaperone offer. Chaperones must stay with their students at all times and are responsible for the conduct of the students they are accompanying. We also ask chaperones to set a good example for the students they are with. This means no cell phones use or talking to other chaperones while our educators are teaching. Additional parents and siblings are not permitted in the program area (some exceptions may apply).

What about lunch?

Currently the park does not have a place to buy lunch. Schools are encouraged to bring lunch with them and enjoy the Park's picnic areas. There are picnic tables located at the playground pavilion and also in the picnic area located near the Interpretive Center. We do ask that all trash be put in the trash cans prior to leaving the area. All picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve picnic tables at the playground pavilion, please see the Rentals sections of our website for pricing and more information. Please note, playground pavilion reservations are made through the Rental Department.

Where do we park? Do we have to pay for parking?

When you arrive at the Park you will be greeted by our Gate Attendant. Parking is free, and the gate attendant will instruct you where to park. Please park in the area you have been directed. The education staff will be waiting for you in that area. If you decide to park in another area the education staff will not be able to find you easily and you may start your educational program late.

What about my students who are members of the park?

Students whose families are members of the park are still required to pay the student fee for any educational program. Attending parents and chaperones will also pay the program fee. Park members do receive free admission however; the fee paid by your group is a program fee, not an admission fee. The school will be responsible for paying for any attending adults who fail to pay the required program fee.

New events and exhibits are always being added at Landmark Park. Keep in touch on our website and social media platforms!