



Field Trip Pre-Visit Guide

Thank you for choosing Blackacre State Nature Preserve for your field study experience!

Please read over our “Pre-Visit Guide” for answers to questions you may have about the day of your field experience. If you have additional questions, please call us at (502) 554-1275 or email our Education Coordinator, Liza Marret at liza.m@visitblackacre.org

Driving directions

Our address is 3200 Tucker Station Road Louisville KY 40299. Take I-64, exiting onto Gene Snyder South, to the first exit, Taylorsville/Jeffersontown. Turn right and go 0.7 mile to Tucker Station Road. Then, turn right and go 0.3 mile to the gravel drive on your left with sign- Blackacre State Nature Preserve. *Please arrive around 9:30. Departure is at 1:30.*

Bus procedure and visitor parking

Buses will pull into the bus parking area located on the left next to the dumpsters. Buses may not drive past this point. Once parked please have students stay in bus until a blackacre employee greets the bus. All caperones and handcapped persons may park in the main parking lot located beyond the bus parking on the left.

Chaperones

We ask that schools provide at least 1 teacher or chaperone for every 10 students attending. Teacher and other adults are expected to actively participate and be a role model during all sessions. Please assist educators in behavior management and in making connections to your classroom learning.

Preperation for field trip

Please have students dress appropriately for the weather and for exploring our nature trails and ponds. This includes wearing clothes and shoes that may get dirty. If weather calls for rain please have students wear rain coats and or boots. Students are incourged to apply sunscreen and bug spray the morning of field trip. Note: Please be aware that ticks, chiggers and poison ivy are present at Blackacre. We encourage a tick check following your visit. Students are safe from poison ivy if they stay on trails and follow the directions of leaders.

Lunch and hydration

Students will bring their own lunch and drink. Make sure that each student has a water bottle.

Payments

An invoice will be sent to the school prior to the field trip. Please address your check to Blackacre Conservancy, Inc. We ask that you bring a check on the day of your visit and give it to a Blackacre Teacher and or staff member. The cost per student is \$9.00 and any adults beyond the 1 adult per 10 children ratio will need to pay \$9.00.



Hours

Fieldtrips will last 4 hours. Fieldtrips will run from 9:30-1:30 or 10-2 depending on when educational groups can arrive.

Sample Schedule

Time	Groups 1, 2, and 3		
15 minutes	Bus arrives and orientation at the Nature Center		
Activities	Pond	Hike	Homestead
Rotation 1 (50 minutes)	1	2	3
Rotation 2 (50 minutes)	3	1	2
	<i>Lunch 30 minutes</i>		
Rotation 3 (50 minutes)	2	3	1
	<i>Wrap-up and head to bus</i>		
15 minutes	Dismissal		