

NOTES TO TEACHERS DURING CLASS VISITS

1. Please contact us at least one week before you plan to bring your class to the Great Falls Discovery Center (GFDC). Space in the center is limited and field trip availability fills up quickly, especially during the spring and fall when school is in session. During these times, please contact us as soon as possible to ensure that you will be able to schedule your trip on your preferred date. To schedule your trip, contact Visitor Services Supervisor Janel Nockleby at (413) 863-3221, or email her at janel.nockleby@state.ma.us.
2. When scheduling your visit, please share with us your objectives for the field trip. We have many activities to choose from and would like to tailor the program in a way that will be most useful to you. Our lessons are generally related to the following topics: habitats for native species, migratory fish and birds, and wetlands and inland waters, endangered species and invasive species.
3. We require that you bring at least one adult chaperone for every five students. You know your students best and should arrange for more coverage if needed so that the students have a safe and informative visit.
4. Below, we have listed a few rules that are important for students to keep in mind during their visit to the GFDC . These rules are important for student safety and the maintenance of our exhibits. Please discuss these rules with your students prior to your visit. We will review the rules again before the field trip begins.
 - Do not run in the building
 - Move slowly and quietly through the exhibits so that you can hear the wildlife noises associated with each habitat
 - Do not touch any part of the exhibit beyond the railings
 - Do not bring food or drink into the exhibit areas
 - Be polite and do not block exhibits from other visitors for an extended period of time
5. We greatly appreciate any feedback you have about your visit to the GFDC. Feel free to give us suggestions on lesson development and let us know what your students liked most about their field trip. If you enjoy your visit, please spread the word to other teachers, students, parents, and community members about our programs.

Bus drop off and pick up is in the parking lot just south of the Center. Directions are on the website.