

Chaperone Guidelines

Guidelines for Supervising Adults. Thank you for chaperoning! We appreciate our chaperones and hope you will enjoy your day at Canal Park.

Please print this information and distribute to each supervising adult.

The quality of student's experience will depend a great deal on the supervising adults and chaperones. Please assign no more than 10 students per adult and be sure each adult has a copy of the following guidelines. Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal reserves the right to address any problem that arise with student groups touring our facilities.

1. Be sure to pick up a Canal Park map at the beginning of your tour.
2. For the safety and respect of others, please do not allow your students to run while at Canal Park.
3. We ask that your attention always be focused on your students. Therefore, we ask that you do not use your cell phone unless you need to contact the teacher in case of an emergency or the teacher needs to contact you.
4. A costumed interpreter or trades person will be in some of the buildings in the village along the tour. If a building is full, please wait quietly outside for the group inside to exit or go to another building and come back. Please do not enter any building with a gate or closed door.
5. Respect our fences and buildings. You will see a variety of fences, stone walls, and building throughout Canal Park. While tempting to students, these structures are not safe for climbing, sitting or leaning.
6. If your group chooses to ride the Delphi, canal boat, please note that an adult must accompany your group of students on the ride. Also, if some students in your party decide not to ride, an adult must wait with them until the others in your group have returned.
7. Please keep your group together at all time. Any student found without an adult chaperone will be taken to the Interpretive Center until the adult can be found.
8. First Aid and Lost and Found are located in the Interpretive Center, ask at the reception desk.

Canal Park Field Trip Tips

Ways to Engage your Group...

Follow the timeline: Wabash & Erie Canal's timeline spans from 1832-1876. A lot can happen in 150 years! Ask your group how the various ways of life have changed through time, like transportation by canoe by the native Americans to canal boats to trains. Communication in the 1800's to cell phones today. Make connections from the past to present and discuss how different daily life is.

Take Photos: If your group brought cameras or cell phones, encourage them to take photos. Maybe a silly photo, the canal boat or have the group take photos of historic artifacts in the museum, or trades people in the village. They can share their photos at home and continue learning with family and friends after the trip.

Think Beyond History: The Wabash & Erie Canal is the second longest canal in the world. It spanned 468 miles from Toledo, Ohio to Evansville Indiana. Today, it is the only watered public accessible section of the Wabash & Erie Canal remaining in Indiana. There are many other lessons to learn here. Discuss the historic plants in the gardens, note the lime kiln along the canal. What other curriculum areas can you investigate with your group as you venture through Canal Park?