



Education Program Group Rules

Students living and learning in Hampton Roads can access the Chesapeake Bay watershed by way of an amazing outdoor laboratory—Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve. Diverse habitats and abundant wildlife at HCWP spark the imagination, inviting students to explore their natural heritage through science, history, and the arts. Once a family farm, the preserve is now a valuable sanctuary for urban wildlife and people of all ages.

The foundation provides free, educational field trips for groups of 25 or less. We require a ratio of one adult for every 5 children for elementary students. These adults or chaperones are **solely** responsible for the children's behavior and safety while at the preserve. The preserve staff and volunteers will serve as guides or educators during your visit, but they will not be responsible for discipline.

The area of the preserve is only 142 acres. To minimize our impact on the ecosystem, visitors should remain on the established trails. We encourage discovery, but please do not disturb the plants or animals (pull leaves off of plants or damage animal homes). You may pick objects up off the ground, but do not take anything from the preserve. Remember this is the last parcel of undeveloped land in the Hoffler Creek watershed. It is reserved as a secure haven for native plants and animals; we humans are only visitors in their home.

At this point, we do not have running water, so please bring your own water for drinking. We do have a portable toilet on site. Be sure to dress appropriately for the season. (Refer to the guidelines in *Walking on the Wild Side*.) As the group leader, please inform the others in the group of the preserve rules and prepare them for their visit. Most important, come have fun and discover the wonders of nature!

Neither Hoffler Creek Wildlife Foundation nor the City of Portsmouth is liable for any harm suffered as a consequence of participation in the foundation's programs or projects.

Signature of Group Leader _____ **Date** _____

Organization _____ **Date of Field Trip** _____

Please sign and return to the address below at least 3 days prior to the day of your visit.

If we do not receive this form, your program will be cancelled.

HCWF has my permission to use photos taken during our visit in their publications. Yes No

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