



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GROUPS

Plan Your Visit

Plains Conservation Center
21901 E. Hampden Avenue, Aurora, CO 80013

GENERAL INFORMATION

- This Aurora-based center helps students and adults grow their knowledge and appreciation of the prairie ecosystem and the cultural history of Colorado through a variety of educational programs managed by Denver Botanic Gardens in cooperation with the City of Aurora.
- Maps are available at the Visitor Center upon arrival.
- Here is our [land acknowledgment statement](#).
- A visit to Plains Conservation Center includes:
 - Outdoor trails and natural areas.
 - Replicas of a late 1800s homestead village and tipi camp.
 - Visitor Center with information about the history of the site.
 - Ample birdwatching as a designated birding hotspot on the Cornell University's worldwide [eBird community science website](#).
- It typically takes about an hour to explore the indoor and outdoor areas at Plains Conservation Center.

FOOD & DRINK

Plains Conservation Center does not have food available for purchase. Guests are permitted to bring their own food/beverage. Please notify the program coordinator if you plan to bring packed lunches.

- Please remind groups not to feed any animals.
- Have everyone clean up after themselves and leave no trash behind.

ACCESSIBILITY

Transportation with wheelchair lifts or storage for mobility devices are available with advanced notice. Please allow 8 weeks' notice for trips that require transportation for mobility devices.

Plains Conservation Center is not wheelchair accessible.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Encourage everyone to come dressed for the outdoors and quickly changing weather. Layers of clothing, sturdy shoes, a hat, sunscreen, bug spray and a water bottle are highly recommended.

In case of inclement weather, shuttle visits may be cancelled or rescheduled. Please contact the Program Coordinator to discuss cancellations and rescheduling options if and when they are available.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Please respect the plants and the hard work of our staff by following these behavior guidelines. Groups not following the guidelines may be asked to leave.

- It is okay to touch plants, as long as gentle hands are used, but do not pick or collect plants.
- Respect our plant life by staying on paths and out of gardens at all times. Areas which appear to be bare may have newly planted seeds.
- Please do not run, climb on rocks, or feed the local wildlife.
- Nature preserves are a place for people to find peace and serenity – use quiet, respectful voices.
- Do not touch, climb, or hang on artwork or structures.
- Dispose of all trash in the provided receptacles.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We require a 10-day notice for trip cancellations to inform the instructors, staff and drivers. We charter vehicles from transportation partners in the Denver metro area and are held liable by their cancellation policies. For cancellations that occur fewer than 10 days from the trip date, we still pay a portion of the charter fee and cannot guarantee we will have the budget for your group to visit later in the year. By keeping your scheduled visit date and time, you help us serve more organizations just like yours.