

General Motorcoach Group Tour Procedures

Reservations are required in advance to enjoy a group discount rate.

To book a group tour, please fill out a Motorcoach Group Tour Scheduling Request Form under "Book Your Reservation."

A final group count and a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due five business days in advance of visit. Payment in full is required upon or prior to arrival. If you are making a reservation with less than one week before the visit date, please call us directly at (601) 576-6000.

Due to Museum visitation, there may be times when a large group cannot be accommodated **without prior arrangements**.

A minimum of ten paid guests are required to receive the MDWFP Museum of Natural Science group rate. No other discount, coupon, or offer can be combined with the group rate. If your numbers fall below ten, you will be charged regular Museum admission.

Accepted methods of payment are cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover. Payment for the entire group must be made in one transaction. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will be charged for all groups five business days in advance of visit.

The Museum has free, on-site parking and can accommodate motor coaches.

If you are planning to bring or buy boxed lunches, you must make arrangements prior to your visit. A final head count is due five business days in advance of visit with your final group count and deposit. Please contact Group Sales at 601-576-6000 to make meal arrangements and to reserve a dining area.

The Motorcoach Group Tour Procedure must be signed and returned within five business days of receipt to confirm your tour. If you have any questions, please call Group Sales at (601) 576-6000 or e-mail yolanda.hawkins@mmns.state.ms.us.

Your group might be photographed for publicity and marketing purposes. Please notify us if this is unacceptable to you.

Consumption of food, drinks, candy, and gum are not allowed in the museum. The Museum is a tobacco-free facility.

Research Section Motorcoach Group Tour Procedures

Motorcoach group tours to the Research Section are available on Monday through Friday but require advance registration. Group size is limited to 25 individuals, larger groups will be divided.

Tours are expected to be 45 minutes in duration.

Tours will generally include visits to Museum collection ranges and working laboratories. Each tour will include a short question and answer session with a Museum research scientist in their laboratory (the researcher featured on the tour will rotate through the Research Staff roster).

Tour participants should plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of their tour.

No bags or backpacks in the Research Section (purses are fine).

Tour participants are strongly urged to use the restroom before the tour, as public restrooms are not available in the Research Section.

All participants must stay with the group and follow the directions of their guide.

Participants must not touch any object or any equipment without express permission.

No food or beverages in the Research Section.

No cell phone use during the tour.

Due to work being done in various areas, breaking new developments and the general interest of tour participants, not every tour will visit every possible stop along a route.