



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FIELD TRIPS FOR GROUPS OF 20 or MORE

Plan a day of adventure and fun. Groups of every age will be inspired by the richness of Michigan's natural resources. All educational programs align with Michigan's Grade Level Content Expectations.

#### To Arrange Your Field Trip

- Complete a [Field Trip Reservation Form](#) and submit it at least **seven** business days before your desired date.
- A confirmation letter with invoice will be sent via email as soon as we can confirm availability.
- For more information please contact us at [DNR-OAC@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-OAC@michigan.gov) or by calling 844-622-6367.
- **Payment is due at the time of entry** or before by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover only), cash or organizational check. Checks should be made out to State of Michigan. We do not refund for inaccurate checks.

#### On the Day of Your Visit

- General admission for groups is \$2 per person (both children and adults) is available for groups of 20 or more. If your group drops below the required minimum, regular admission rates will apply.
- We are open for groups on the following days and times:

Wednesday – Friday	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	Noon to 5 p.m.
- **The entire group must be present to check in.** The group can be admitted only after the last members have arrived. Only the leader of the group should approach the front counter.
- Groups are admitted every half hour. You cannot be admitted until your appointed check-in time. We do not have the capacity to hold groups in our lobby area. ***Students and chaperones must remain ON the bus or in cars until an Outdoor Adventure Center representative can complete an orientation and distribute wristbands.*** Buses may stand on Atwater until the welcome greeting is complete and then proceed to a legal parking spot.
- One payment per group – we are not able ring up individuals entering at the group rate. Any guests who arrive after payment is made must pay regular admission prices.

- We require one adult chaperone to accompany every six children throughout the Outdoor Adventure Center. Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times. ***Active and engaged supervision is required.***
- There is a cafeteria area for groups to have lunch. We have a limited number of carts to secure your bag lunches – no refrigeration or microwaves are available. There are vending machines available to purchase drinks and snacks.
- Coats, backpacks and bags must be left in a locker or at the public coat racks.
- Food and drink are NOT allowed in the exhibit area, including water bottles and coffee cups. This will help prevent slip and fall accidents and preserve the integrity of the exhibits.
- The Outdoor Adventure Center is a NO GUM zone.
- Buses and cars planning to drop off visitors should enter from Chene Street and turn right on Atwater. At the stop sign – where the Dequindre Cut begins – in front of our building, you will see a large bright green DNR sign over the entrance door.
- Bus drivers are not admitted to the Outdoor Adventure Center unless they pay an admission. If you are not including bus drivers in your group count, please let them know. Bus drivers looking for a place to eat, use the restroom, etc. are often upset to find out they must pay.
- Complimentary parking is available in several areas on the riverfront. The black gated lot on Atwater, across from the Milliken State Park and Harbor, is available for guests with their own vehicles. Buses must choose legal street parking and may be ticketed if they ignore posted parking signage. There is vigorous enforcement for illegal parking by the Detroit Police Department. The Outdoor Adventure Center is not responsible for any illegal parking issues.
- Gift Shop – There is a small selection of nominally priced items (\$1 - \$10) that can be purchased from the Gift Shop located behind our front counter.
- Groups should plan to meet in the cafeteria 15 minutes before their scheduled departure time. This is a great place to do your final attendance check and encourage students to use the restrooms before departing. We can make a call over the PA system if you would like to help gather your group members – just ask at the front desk.

Thank you for choosing the Michigan DNR Outdoor Adventure Center. We hope you enjoy your visit to “Up North, Downtown.”