



Welcome to the Columbia Gorge Museum

Field Trip Guide 2025

The **Columbia Gorge Museum** welcomes your students! Here are a few suggestions and requests to help make your visit the best it can be. If you have any questions, please call 509-427-8211. Cost: \$6.00 per student/chaperones and bus drivers are free.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL MUSEUM VISITS:

1. Tour length is adjusted to your group's size, grade level, and requested subject. Younger student tours are kept to 30 minutes or less.
2. We request a chaperone for every 10 students for grades Pre-K through 3rd grade
We request a chaperone for every 15 students for grades 4-7th grade
We request a chaperone for every 20 students for grades 8 and above

Working chaperones, teachers, and school bus drivers are free. Additional chaperons pay the student admission fee.

CHAPERONES MUST REMAIN WITH STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES, PLEASE.

Large groups may be split to a maximum of 15 students to accommodate space issues. Due to limited touring resources, no more than 2 groups may be given a tour per day.

If your group is larger than 30 total students, self-guided options may be offered.

3. SELF-GUIDED tours must abide by the same chaperone numbers. Chaperones are asked to help students have the most positive experience by observing great museum manners.

MUSEUM MANNERS:

1. Backpacks and water bottles are NOT allowed inside the museum for the safety of our objects **
Teachers who carry medical backpacks are asked to carry them on the front of the body and these **are allowed in the museum.
2. Backpacks and water bottles may be stored at the front desk during your museum visit.
3. Please **walk** while inside the museum. Please enjoy and discuss your experience using normal talking voice levels. Thank you.

4. Generally speaking, pens are not allowed in museums. Pencils are welcome.

HOW DO WE PAY FOR OUR TRIP?

We encourage you to pay for your trip upon arrival via cash, credit card, or check.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Please advise us at least 24 hours in advance if you must cancel. The school will be invoiced for any trips not cancelled within this time period.

If you have any problems with the bus, please call the museum at 509-427-8211.

BUS PARKING IS AVAILABLE:

Please let the students off the bus at the entrance prior to parking the bus. Allow the lead teacher to visit the front desk before allowing students inside.

RESTROOMS:

Prior to a self-guided or guided tour, bathrooms are available. Please encourage a chaperone inside the bathroom with students. Bathrooms have multiple stalls and wheelchair accessible stalls are available.

LUNCH SPACE:

A limited number of picnic tables are available at the front of the museum. We also have lovely acres of land, so bring a blanket and a lawn game!

THE COLUMBIA GORGE MUSEUM

Once greeted, you will enter a museum that reflects the basalt cliffs of the Columbia River Gorge. Our collection areas are:

1. Indigenous People of the Columbia River Region
 - a. Baskets
 - b. Hand-made points
 - c. Hand-made knives
 - d. Clothing
 - e. Tools
 - f. Spiritual images and objects
2. Early Explorers
 - a. Learn about Lewis and Clark's trail
 - b. Explore those in the exploration group
3. Early life in the Region
 - a. Learn about the Broughton Lumber flume
 - b. Explore transportation in different decades
 - c. Experience early technology for fishing, lumber, and more
4. *Forged through Time: The Creation of the Gorge*—A 12-minute film about the making of our gorge in the Mezzanine Theatre
5. *View our Jenny airplane from WW 1*
6. *Explore the world's largest rosary collection and think about the materials, symbols, and value of each one!*
7. *Explore the Lightbearers Collection with precious objects that tell a philosophic story*
8. *More: visit our special rotating galleries for new exhibitions that rotate regularly*