



# QUARRY HILL NATURE CENTER

701 SILVER CREEK ROAD NE, ROCHESTER, MN 55906

*Opening Eyes and Minds Through Natural Science Discovery*

# CHAPERONE GUIDE

Thank you for volunteering as a chaperone for your school's field trip to Quarry Hill Park and Nature Center. Chaperones help make field trips fun and valuable for students and teachers.

Prior to the field trip, your child's teacher can provide you with an itinerary of the trip and your individual school's expectations for supervising students.

## **Follow the leader**

Quarry Hill staff will outline expectations and safety guidelines while in the park. These might include stay on the trail, respect nature, and be a scientist. Please follow the lead of your classroom teacher and the Quarry Hill staff to help facilitate group movement from place to place in the park.

## **Unplug**

Although we sometimes use technology tools as scientists, the goal at Quarry Hill is to be immersed in the wonder and discovery of the natural world. We request that you turn off phones and limit conversation to the nature topics presented to the students. Show children how attentive you can be!

## **'Weather' you are prepared or not**

We are prepared to go outdoors in most weather conditions. We want you to be prepared, too! Please wear sturdy shoes for hiking and comfortable clothes to keep you warm, cool, and dry. Groups participate in a variety of activities and travel on dirt hiking trails, to the pond, stream and forest.

## **Going solo**

Although the trip may provide opportunities for you to bond with your child, please be certain that you help ensure that all children in your group are encouraged to participate. Siblings or other children should not attend.



## **Exploration Hall Manners & Expectations**

Most groups visiting Quarry Hill spend time independently in our Exploration Hall. Home to over 30 species of animals and many interactive elements, we encourage students to touch, ask questions, and have fun while learning about natural science.

Quarry Hill Nature Center is a public facility and visitors will be present during your time in the Exploration Hall. While in the Exploration Hall, teachers and chaperones must accompany students at all times.

We ask that all members of your group:

- Respect others in the center.
- Walk and use indoor voices.
- Respect the animals – do not bang on tanks or disturb in other ways.
- Do not take food or drink inside the Exploration Hall.

The library is reserved as a quiet space for reading.



**KEY**

 FAMILY TRAILS	 OVERLOOK POINTS
 QUARRY RUINS TRAILS	 HISTORIC STRUCTURES
 SAVANNA TRAILS	 PICNIC PAVILION
 WOODLAND TRAILS	 SIGN POSTS
 STREAM TRAILS	 BRIDGES
 POND/PRAIRIE TRAILS	 BUILDINGS
 SPORTS TRAILS IN WINTER - SKIERS ONLY	 QUARRY WALL
	 PARKING (P1, P2 AND P3)

**RECOMMENDED TRAIL LOOPS**

- #1 - #10    - - - -    0.9 MILES
- #11 - #19    - - - -    1.3 MILES
- #20 - #25    - - - -    1.5 MILES



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