

GO ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD TRIP

Going on a field trip is a great way for people of all ages to learn about the environment. Hennepin County provides field trip transportation for groups of at least 25 participants to take an environmental education field trip. Whether or not you use Hennepin County's transportation funding, going on an environmental field trip can increase environmental awareness and encourage participants to engage in environmental issues.

Outcomes

- Go on a field trip that highlights or explains an environmental topic.
- Inspire participants to learn more about the environment and take action to protect it.

Audience

Youth (ages 7+ for Hennepin County's transportation funding), adults

Time

Variable

Concepts

- Going on a field trip is a great way for people of all ages to learn about the environment.
- Viewing an environmental issue or solution up close can help participants understand a topic more clearly.

Supplies

- Transportation to the field trip location
- Proper safety equipment and clothing (depends on field trip location)



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Preparation

- Decide where you want to go on an environmental field trip. View Hennepin County's list of field trip destinations at www.hennepin.us/environmentaleducation for location ideas for a variety of environmental topics.
- If you apply to Hennepin County's field trip transportation, make sure to apply two to eight weeks before your field trip date.
- Coordinate with field trip participants to make sure your group size is appropriate for the field trip. Recruit chaperones for the field trip if needed (some field trip locations may require your group to have a certain number of chaperones).
- Make sure participants wear clothing and shoes that are appropriate and safe for the field trip and weather.

Procedure

- Have participants meet at one location on the day of the field trip. If you are taking a bus, make sure the driver knows where to meet participants and know the field trip location.
- At the field trip location, make sure all participants understand any safety instructions.
- Encourage participants to be fully engaged during the field trip and ask questions.
- After the field trip, encourage participants to reflect on their experiences and what they learned.

Discussion questions

- What went well on the field trip? What could be improved upon next time?
- What did participants learn from the field trip?
- What other field trips would you like to take?