

Morrell Sanctuary Group Visit Guidelines

Welcome to Morrell Nature Sanctuary! As a non-profit privately managed park, our primary mission is to preserve and protect our natural environment, as a valued resource for teaching, inspiration, and enjoyment. Our Sanctuary regularly hosts pre-arranged guided educational tours, in addition to being open to the public. In the interest of providing a safe and enjoyable visit for you and your fellow visitors, please adhere to the following guidelines.

Definition of a Group

A "group" is defined as: *a gathering of 10 or more individuals visiting the Sanctuary together for any purpose.* This includes hiking groups, walking groups, family groups, and any other private gathering.

How To Schedule A Group Visit:

The best way to schedule and notify us of a group visit is to email us using the following template, 7-10 days in advance of your visit:

Send to: morrell@shawbiz.ca

Name:

Date and time of visit:

Number of visitors in group:

Accessibility requirements:

Guidelines for Group Visits

- **Priority for Pre-Arranged Programs:** Our scheduled and paid school programs have priority access to amenities and facilities. Scheduling your visit in advance helps us avoid conflicts and ensures a meaningful experience for your group.
- **Parking:** Groups are required to park in the overflow lot at Nanaimo Lakes Road to avoid congestion in the day-use parking area.
- **Respect and Courtesy:** All visitors are expected to exercise common sense and courtesy. This includes respecting fellow visitors, park regulations, and sensitive habitats. Please stay on the trails! Our amenities, such as benches and learning circles, are often used by our scheduled educational programs, so please plan accordingly.
- **Accessibility Requirements:** If you are visiting with vulnerable individuals — such as children with allergies, or those with special needs — please schedule a guided tour, or ensure that you can care for your visitors on your own.
- **Consider A Guided Tour:** We offer guided tours, led by experienced nature interpreters who will reveal the interconnected harmony of Forest Ecology, helping to deepen your appreciation for our shared natural spaces. You can schedule by contacting our office, for up to 15 individuals, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Thank you!

Our work is made possible by the work of volunteers, membership fees, and donations. Consider donating through our website, in person at the office, or at the kiosk donation box. We also offer individual and group memberships to Morrell Sanctuary Society. Members receive newsletters, updates, and the opportunity to join our volunteer teams and contribute to our mission of environmental stewardship.

We look forward to hosting your group at Morrell Nature Sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us protect and steward this beautiful temperate rainforest.

Morrell Sanctuary Society For Environmental Education

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