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Wickiup Hill Nature Center Self-Guided Group Policy:

To better accommodate groups of 10 or more guests we ask that you contact the Wickiup Hill Conservation Education Team to plan your Self-Guided Field Trip indoors and/or outdoors. All groups of 10 or more will need to schedule their visit in advance, so we can be sure there are no conflicts with other large groups and events.

Groups of 10 or more guests will pay a small fee of \$2/guest.

Self-Guided Field Trips last 2 hours. Reservation requests are processed in the order they are received and the best dates and times are booked early. Chaperones are required and must stay with the children in your group at all times during this field trip experience. Suggested **one adult for every five children**. Chaperones must be at least 16 years of age. Teachers and chaperones do not pay.

After a brief orientation, your group is free to explore Wickiup Hill's indoor exhibits and/or the Wickiup Wandering Woods outdoor playscape at your own pace.

Due to scheduling considerations, Wickiup Hill Learning Center is unable to extend your field trip if you arrive late.

If you wish to use some of your field trip time to eat lunch, lunch may be eaten outdoors on our deck, by our kiosk or at the picnic tables near the Wickiup Wandering Woods playscape. During inclement weather, lunch may be eaten indoors on the red tile floor. Please remember that as a county park we are a **Carry-In-Carry-Out** facility and do not have municipal garbage services. Whether eating inside or outside, you will need to bring garbage bags to take your refuse back with you to dispose of at home.

Wickiup Hill is a county park meaning all of the wildlife here are protected by law. All of the wildlife and animals found here should not be moved, harassed, or removed from our property. Animals found on Self-Guided Field Trips are not to be disturbed, but may be observed at an appropriate distance as the animals are allowed to continue on their path. Chaperones are responsible for ensuring harm to the animals does not occur during their field trip. If anyone is found to be harassing or harming the animals, the group may be asked to leave.

**To arrange for a Self-Guided Field Trip, please call Wickiup Hill at 319-892-6485.
For additional information, visit www.LinnCountyParks.com**

