



## Frequently Asked Questions

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How do I book a guided field trip?

To book a guided field trip to a Detroit Riverfront park or greenway, please fill out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/260786737308064>. Please note: We are fully booked for guided field trips in April, May, and early June of 2026. Additional guided field trip opportunities are available after June 5th and throughout the summer and fall of 2026.

I want to bring my class/group to the park, but I do not want a guided field trip. Should I let the park know?

Yes! To let the park staff know about your visit, please fill out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/260836700965059>. You should submit this form at least two weeks in advance of your intended visit. A Detroit Riverfront Conservancy staff member will reach out if the date of your intended visit interrupts a previously scheduled event; if a Detroit Riverfront Conservancy staff member does not reach out, the date you indicated is fine.

I want to book a guided field trip, but there are no available dates that work with my group's schedule. How should I proceed?

Thank you for your interest in the Detroit Riverfront parks and greenways! If there are no available dates that work with your group's schedule for a guided field trip, we encourage you to come to bring your group to the Riverfront parks as a teacher-led/self-guided park visit. If you plan to bring your school or organization to a Riverfront space, please fill out this form to indicate the planned date and time of your trip: <https://form.jotform.com/260836700965059>. You should submit this form at least two weeks in advance of your intended visit.

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy staff developed a teacher-led curriculum, which can be used by classroom and community teachers to guide learning at Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park. The K-12 curriculum is grounded in Michigan Next-Generation Science Standards, the Ralph Wilson Park interpretive themes, and the principles of place-based education. It includes a 60-minute semi-scripted lesson plan, pre and post visit classroom activities and projects, vocabulary lists, a student activity guide for the park, materials list, a content-focused reading list, and a park map.

The teacher-led curriculum gives educators the opportunity to guide their students through a standards-based outdoor learning experience without having to book a guided field trip. The

teacher-led curriculum is intended to be used at Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park. The curriculum is linked on our website and below.

### **How long are field trips?**

For field trips to Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park and/or other Detroit Riverfront spaces, we recommend about 2-3 hours. This leaves enough time for an educational program, play/recreation, and exploration of the park. Full day field trips are available by request.

### **Can field trips be at any Riverfront spot, or are they just at Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park?**

Field trips can happen throughout our Riverfront spaces, though, we recommend Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park because it offers a rich educational and recreational experience for young people. It is recommended to choose one location for your field trip; however, guided field trips to more than location are available by request. To learn more about the Detroit Riverfront spaces, go to <https://www.detroitriverfront.org/plan-your-visit/parks-greenways>

### **What if there is bad weather the day of my field trip?**

Field trips to the Detroit Riverfront are outdoors only. If there is rain on the day of your field trip, the field trip can still happen. We have covered spaces in many of our parks that allow for groups to stay dry in the rain. If there is severe weather, like thunder and lightning, the field trip will be canceled. We will try our best to accommodate rescheduling the field trip, but that cannot be guaranteed.

### **Where should I tell our bus driver to park?**

For guided field trips, Conservancy staff will reach out to the school or program with a specific parking map prior to the field trip. The bus should drop students off on West Jefferson Ave. Then, please direct the bus to park on 10<sup>th</sup> St, 8<sup>th</sup> St, or Cabacier St. There is also street parking available on Fort St or West Lafayette Street. Please avoid parking on West Jefferson to save space for other park visitors.

### **Are we allowed to swim in the Water Garden?**

Swimming is NOT permitted anywhere at Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park or any other Detroit Riverfront space. Visitors are invited to walk close to the Water Garden, touch it your hands or feet to it, but may not submerge or swim in it.

### **Will there be other people at the park during our field trip?**

All Detroit Riverfront parks and greenways are open to the public daily from 6 am – 10 pm. When there is a guided field trip or teacher-led park visit, there will still be other visitors to the park at this time. Field trips do not close Riverfront parks or greenways to the public.