

Information for Homeschool Days Visits

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Education Coordinator: 484-424-9381

We are so glad you have registered to participate in one of Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead (CPF)'s Homeschool Days!

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE to refer to before and on the day of your visit.

Prior to Visit

Registration

Homeschool Days are pre-registered only in order to provide the best experience for your group. All participants must be registered using the online registration form available on the CPF website. No tickets will be available at the door. Registration closes two weeks prior to the scheduled Homeschool Day and tickets are nonrefundable unless inclement weather forces a cancellation.

Student Age Range

Homeschool Days are designed for ages 4-15. As the visit will be specifically targeted towards students ages 4-15, most hands-on activities such as farm chores, candle dipping, and hearth cooking will not be suited for children under the age of 4 due to safety concerns. Younger siblings are still able to visit the farm, however, and are welcome to view the heritage breed animals and visit the farmhouse with the participating students. We do not have an area, based on the footprint of the farm, where parents can wait with younger siblings while the program is ongoing and ask that adults stay with both participating students and younger siblings at all times.

Inclement Weather Policies and Procedure; Cancellations

CPF generally runs its programs rain or shine except in the event of extreme and dangerous weather conditions. If weather forces us to cancel a Homeschool Day for such conditions, we will post an announcement on our website and, if shorter notice, will contact each participant to notify you. Tickets will be refunded in the event of a weather related cancellation.

Day of Visit

Check In; Contacting Us

The Visitor Center will open at 8:45 AM for check-in. Staff will be on hand to help direct you. Families should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the program start.

Be aware that our bathroom facilities are located at the top of a hill near our barns and will be available when the site opens at 8:45 AM. They are not close to the parking lot.

If you need to reach us on the day of your visit, please call our Education Coordinator at the number listed above.

Adult Chaperones

Adults must remain with their children at all times. We often rely on them to engage with students and our staff, providing guidance and encouragement to students throughout the visit.

Lunch at CPF

Families who choose to eat lunch at our picnic tables should carry their lunches in upon arrival. There is a fairly long walk from our parking lot to our staging area, so you will not want to take the time to retrieve them if you leave them in your car. We can store lunches in bins if you choose, to help ensure free hands for our activities.

We follow the state park's "leave no trace" policy. There is no on-site trash can available. Please bring your own trash bags for lunch time, and take your trash with you at the end of the program.

Conclusion of Visit

On weekdays, our site is not open for public touring outside of the scheduled program. All Homeschool Day programs end at 12:30 pm.

In warmer weather, please do not let children enter the creek, as we cannot provide for their safety.

Farmstead Animals

Program participants will have an opportunity to see many of the heritage-breed animals at CPF. Out of concern for the health and safety of both our animals and our visitors, we ask that you refrain from feeding, petting, chasing, or yelling at the animals.

What to Wear

Almost your entire visit will take place outdoors, and our buildings are neither heated nor air-conditioned, so dress for the weather! We also recommend sturdy, closed-toe shoes as best for our uneven terrain and areas "covered" by some of our farm animals. We provide an active and interactive experience for both students and adults, so both should follow these dress guidelines.

Directions

GPS Address: Please note that GPS guidance occasionally misdirects drivers to a private residence in Ridley Creek State Park. Having our directions, which are on our website and reproduced below, as back-up is highly recommended!

CPF is located in [Ridley Creek State Park](#), Edgmont Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Our **GPS address is 3900 North Sandy Flash Drive, Newtown Square, PA 19073** (or you can enter our full name, *Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead*). This is our physical location, not our mailing address. We are located at parking lot #4 in Ridley Creek State Park.

Note: *CPF offices are located inside the Ridley Creek State Park mansion. This is in a separate location from the farm. You will find plenty of signage along Gradyville Road in the park for both the mansion and our site.*

From the "Blue Route" (Route 476) – Exit at Route 3 (West Chester Pike). Follow Route 3 toward West Chester. Drive approximately 7.5 miles. Go a half mile beyond Providence Road and look on the left for the entrance to Ridley Creek State Park (North Sandy Flash Drive). Enter the Park and go about 1.5 miles. The CPF parking lot is on the right.

From Route 202 South – Exit at Route 3 (West Chester Pike). Head east on Route 3 toward

Newtown Square/Broomall. Drive approximately 5 miles. Go about 1 mile beyond Delchester Road. Signs for Ridley Creek State Park are on the right (North Sandy Flash Drive). Enter the Park and go about 1.5 miles. The CPF parking lot is on the right.

From Paoli – Take Route 252 south. Follow the signs toward Newtown Square/Media. Go to the intersection of Route 252 and Route 3 (West Chester Pike). Turn right onto Route 3. Drive toward West Chester approximately 3 miles. Go a half mile beyond Providence Road. Signs for Ridley Creek State Park are on the left (North Sandy Flash Drive). Enter the Park and go about 1.5 miles. The CPF parking lot is on the right.

Coordinates: Latitude: 39.965 Longitude: -75.4511.

Parking: There is ample free parking in the lot located outside the main entrance.