



Program FAQ

Q: Who can book a program?

A: Our programs are available for schools, homeschool groups, assisted living facilities, scout organizations and more.

Q: How much do programs cost?

A: All onsite (at Lynches River County Park) field trips are free!

Q: What if transportation is an issue?

A: We understand that transportation can be a challenge. Outreach programs are available for a low cost and allow us to bring environmental education experiences to your school. Outreach programs start at \$100 and follow the fee schedule below:

- One to two programs (same location), up to 50 miles from LRCP: \$100; additional programs: \$25 per program
- One to two programs (same location), 51-100 miles from LRCP: \$200; additional programs: \$25 per program
- Programs more than 100 miles from LRCP will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and a mutually agreed upon fee will be established with the program requestor.

Q: How far in advance should I book?

A: We recommend booking as early as possible, especially for spring dates, as availability can fill quickly.

Q: How long should I plan for a field trip?

A: Most staff-led programs last 45 minutes per class, depending on group size and program choice. Groups typically spend 2-3 hours at Lynches River County Park in total doing their program of choice, exploring the trails and playground, and eating lunch.

Q: How many students can I bring?

A: Most programs are designed for no more than 35 students. The EDC can accommodate groups of up to 70 students a day by dividing students into two sessions. For groups larger than 70, please fill out a separate request form for additional days. **Day of:** Unless prior arrangements have been made - If you are bringing more than 35 students, please divide them into two equal groups upon arrival. Group 1 will do the program and group 2 will explore the trails. After the first group is finished the second group will switch. If you have 35 students or less, they will all do the program together and explore the trails after.

Q: When do you offer field trips?

A: We offer field trips August – May, Tuesday – Friday.

Q: What time do programs start?

A: Programs begin at 10AM. If this time does not work for your group, alternate arrangements can be made. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to unload buses and take restroom breaks.

Q: What if my group arrives late?

A: All programs start on-time and late arrivals may result in a shortened program. Depending on arrival time your field trip may have to be rescheduled. Please let EDC staff know if your group is running behind.

Q: What's your cancellation policy?

A: A notice to cancel or reschedule your program must be received at least 48 hours before your scheduled date. Failure to provide adequate notice will result in a deposit being required for future bookings. This does not include weather related cancellations.

Q: Can we do a program not designed for our grade level?

A: This is at the teacher's discretion. If you're confident the students can understand the material, we're happy to do it!

Q: What should students bring?

A: Students should dress appropriately for the weather and outdoor activities. Comfortable, closed-toe shoes and water bottles are recommended.

Q: What happens if it's raining the day of our program?

A: Most programs will be conducted rain or shine, and some programs may be conducted outdoors. Please check with EDC staff to confirm if your program is indoors or outdoors. In the event of inclement weather staff will work with your group to reschedule or discuss alternative options.

Q: Where should buses park?

A: We ask buses to please park on the gravel side of the parking lot with the engine off. Florence County has a no idling policy.

Q: Can we eat lunch at the park?

A: Absolutely! We encourage schools to utilize our picnic areas. Picnic areas are available for lunch on a first-come, first-served basis, or guests may [reserve a shelter](#).

Q: Do you offer programs for homeschool groups?

A: We've dedicated the second Tuesday of each month (excluding June, July, & December) to local area home school students. You can find the schedule and more information on the Homeschool Tab of our website.

Q: Can I bring my summer camp group?

A: Unfortunately, we are unable to offer staff-led programs in June and July due to having our own summer camp. Groups are welcome to come out and explore the park on their own.

Q: Is bug spray provided?

A: Mosquitoes and gnats can be distracting and irritating to students while outside. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide bug spray for the students, so we recommend bringing repellent, if possible.