Jeffers Petroglyphs A Field Trip Social Narrative





Welcome

I am going to Jeffers Petroglyphs today!





Overview

I will follow my guide to 4 stations. I can throw an atlatl, visit the rock face, learn about the three sisters garden, and explore the buffalo rub. I will do fun activities and learn about Jeffers Petroglyphs. We will move a lot and travel far from the visitor center.





Arrival

A tour guide will meet my teacher outside, and I will follow them inside.

I can use the restroom right away if I need to.

We will follow our teacher into the theater and find a seat.





Storing our backpacks

My teacher will tell me where to put my items. I might leave my backpack on the bus and bring my lunch inside the visitor center. I will tell an adult if I need something from my backpack.





Restrooms

The restrooms are in the visitor center! I will be traveling far away from the visitor center, so I should use the restroom before the activities start.





Weather

I will be spending time outside. I will need good shoes. I might need a coat to be comfortable, learn, and explore outside. It may be sunny, cloudy, or rainy.

There is no shade, so it might be very sunny! I can bring a hat and sunscreen. The prairie is windy; I will be able to hear the wind blowing.





Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Jeffers Petroglyphs. I will stay with my chaperone, stay on the trails, and follow my tour guide.





What can I touch?

There will be lots of opportunities to touch items! It can be hard to know what is okay to touch. I can ask a tour guide if I see something cool, and they will tell me if I can touch it!





Plants and animals

I will not take anything from Jeffers Petroglyphs because it is a sacred place. This means everything within Jeffers Petroglyphs is special, including any plants, animals, or objects I might see! I will protect the prairie and rock face by keeping my hands to myself. I will watch out for cactus; they are spikey!





Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip. They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear a blue button up shirt or wear a name tag.





Moving through the site

I will be moving through the site and feeling different kinds of ground.

There will be prairie paths and gravel, and the ground might be uneven or bumpy. I can listen to the prairie, feel wind, and see plants while traveling through Jeffers Petroglyphs.





Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! I can tell an adult. There is a quiet space at the site for my break. We can go back to the visitor center or find a quiet bench to sit on. I can relax with an adult until I am ready to rejoin my group.





Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to do new things.

If something is closed, it may be open next time!

If the weather is very bad, we might do activities inside the visitor center.





Visiting the rock face

I will travel to the rock face and see rock carvings. I will see carvings of a baby buffalo, atlatl, people, and more. I will listen to a tour guide teach me about the rock carvings. I will stay on the boardwalk or between ropes.

My tour guide will walk on the rock face, but I will stay on the trail.







Throwing an atlatl

Atlatls were long smooth sticks used to hunt buffalo. I will learn about this by practicing throwing a dart using an atlatl towards a target.

I will not go behind the throwing line; only staff will pick up the darts. I will hold on tight to the atlatl when I throw. I will wait my turn to throw. Sometimes we will pause throwing to let others pass safely. Everyone will try once.





Three sisters garden

I will learn about gardening! There are corn, beans, and squash grown in the three sisters garden. I will use a digging stick or hoe made of buffalo bone to practice digging in a garden. I will plant seeds! We might stand in sand or soil. I might feel sand or soil.







Buffalo rub I will travel carefully with my group to the buffalo rub. The ground is bumpy and might have rocks or sticks. I will tell an adult if I want help getting to the buffalo rub. When I get there, I will feel the smooth, shiny rock and the soft buffalo fur. There are benches to sit on. I will get a clipboard and do an activity.



Lunch

I will eat lunch in the picnic shelter or picnic tables outside.

I will be able to hear the wind, but I will be protected from from sun and rain in the picnic shelter.





Goodbye!

When my field trip is over, I will leave Jeffers Petroglyphs.





We look forward to your visit!



Questions?

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