

FONTENELLE FOREST

1111 Bellevue Blvd. N. Bellevue, NE 68005
Backpack Forest Exploration 2019

Description:

Fontenelle Forest invites you to spend time **OUTSIDE** enjoying the quiet wild of nature. The backpack program provides everything you'll need for an adventure. Through our guided activities you'll help kids become scientists making close observations and discover the variety of life abundant in the forest. The program contains easy to follow instructions and materials for games and engaging activities as you lead your group on the wheelchair accessible boardwalk or through forest trails. Afterwards your group can play in Acorn Acres, the outdoor play area for kids and walk through the Raptor Woodland Refuge to meet Fisher, the bald eagle, and other birds of prey.

Special Note:

Activities are outdoors so please dress accordingly and bring bug spray, sunscreen, and water. Bathrooms and water fountains are located at the Nature Center where you will check-in. The program is self-guided and we recommend a minimum of two chaperones per 15 children. **Please bring an ID to exchange for your backpack. We will return your ID when you turn your backpack in to the front desk.**

Refreshments:

Water fountains in Nature Center,
some snacks for sale in gift shop

Group Size and Pricing

(Including Adults):

10-20; 1 Backpack - \$100

21-40; 2 Backpacks - \$200

41-60; 3 Backpacks - \$300



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Reservation Required. Please arrive on time.

If you are running late or need to cancel please let us know 402-731-3140.

To help ensure that your trip is successful and enjoyable, please review the guidelines below with your group.

1. Youth must be with their designated adult chaperone at all times.
2. Please apply bug spray and sunscreen outdoors.
3. Please dispose of all trash in bins at the Nature Center or carry out with you.
4. Please do not take any plants, animals, or other natural items found on our property. Fontenelle Forest is a nature preserve and all natural items serve a purpose in a delicate ecosystem. Leaving behind natural objects also ensures that others can experience the joy of making discoveries of unique leaves, plants, shells, feathers and other natural objects.
5. Please discuss with your children that we are all visitors at Fontenelle Forest. Our actions directly affect the health of the forests, prairies, and wetlands - so we need to work together to keep them safe for future generations!

Dress for Success

1. We strongly recommend that children wear sneakers/tennis shoes. If possible, avoid flip-flops, open-toed shoes, heels, or shoes that you don't want dirty.
2. Please dress for the weather. Rain jackets or plastic ponchos/trash sacks if rainy. Light long sleeves and tall socks combined with bug spray help protect against mosquitos and ticks. We advise everyone to do a "tick check" before leaving. Rain ponchos, bug spray, and sunscreen are available to purchase at the Nature Center.
3. Bring water. Re-fillable water bottles can be filled at the Nature Center.

We look forward to your visit to Fontenelle Forest!