

Manatee Village Historical Park
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Field Trip Policies & Information

Thank you for your interest in scheduling a field trip to Manatee Village Historical Park! We are proud to offer free field trips as part of our mission to preserve and share the heritage of Manatee County's founding period from 1840 to 1918. Our educational activities, teacher resources, materials, and tours prioritize meaningful experiences that align with Florida curriculum standards and enhance learning local history.

Please refer to this document as part of booking and preparing for your field trip.

Self-Guided visits may be reserved year-round during open hours. Guided visits may be reserved during select months dependent on weather and staff availability. We only schedule one group per day; however, because our site is open to the public even on field trip days, guests and even other large groups may be present.

To book a visit, contact manatee.village@manateeclerk.com and/or call 941-749-7165 at least 14 days prior to your visit. Booking details will be confirmed via email and a reminder confirmation will be sent ahead of your visit. Your reservation must be confirmed in writing via email by MVHP staff.

When emailing or calling to book, please include:

- How many students and adults will be present
- Arrival time (we cannot accommodate arrivals earlier than 9am)
- Duration of visit (must depart prior to 4pm)
- Transportation/how you will arrive (i.e. by bus, van, separate cars, etc.)
- If you will be eating lunch on site
- Any accommodation or accessibility needs to be noted

We require 1 teacher or chaperone per 10 students. For the safety and enjoyment of our collections and visitors, we can only accommodate up to **50 students per day**. If you are planning for multiple classes and/or grade levels to visit that would surpass 50 per day, we highly recommend extending your visits across multiple days. To confirm your preferred date, especially if requesting multiple dates, we recommend booking as far in advance as possible. Reservations are first come first served.

Educator resources are available on Manatee Village's website under the "Education" tab. There are activities that can be downloaded and printed in advance for use on site including a site museum map. Guidebooks are available on site in the Wiggins Store that include maps if teachers and chaperones would like to use them. Additionally, there are clipboards and small pencils that can also be used while on site if needed. Please notify staff in advance to request any materials so that they can be prepared for your arrival.

Please do not touch anything or run while you are visiting. Help us preserve our historic buildings and collections for future generations to enjoy! While admission is free, donations are always appreciated. The suggested donation amount is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.