



THE BRENTON ARBORETUM

Field Trip Offerings for 2022-2023 School Year

Field Trip Planning Guide

Together with your teachers, kids spend the day outside learning on 140 acres of rolling hills, streams, prairies, ponds, and woods.

Preschool and kindergarten students can participate in our Inchworms Investigators program which has two 30-minute activities. Please plan on spending 1.5 hours to allow for loading and unloading and student prep time.

First grades and up can participate in our Knee-High Naturalists program which has three 30-minute activities. Please plan on spending 2 hours at the arboretum.

What you need to know: **No trash cans nor running water are available at the pavilion.**

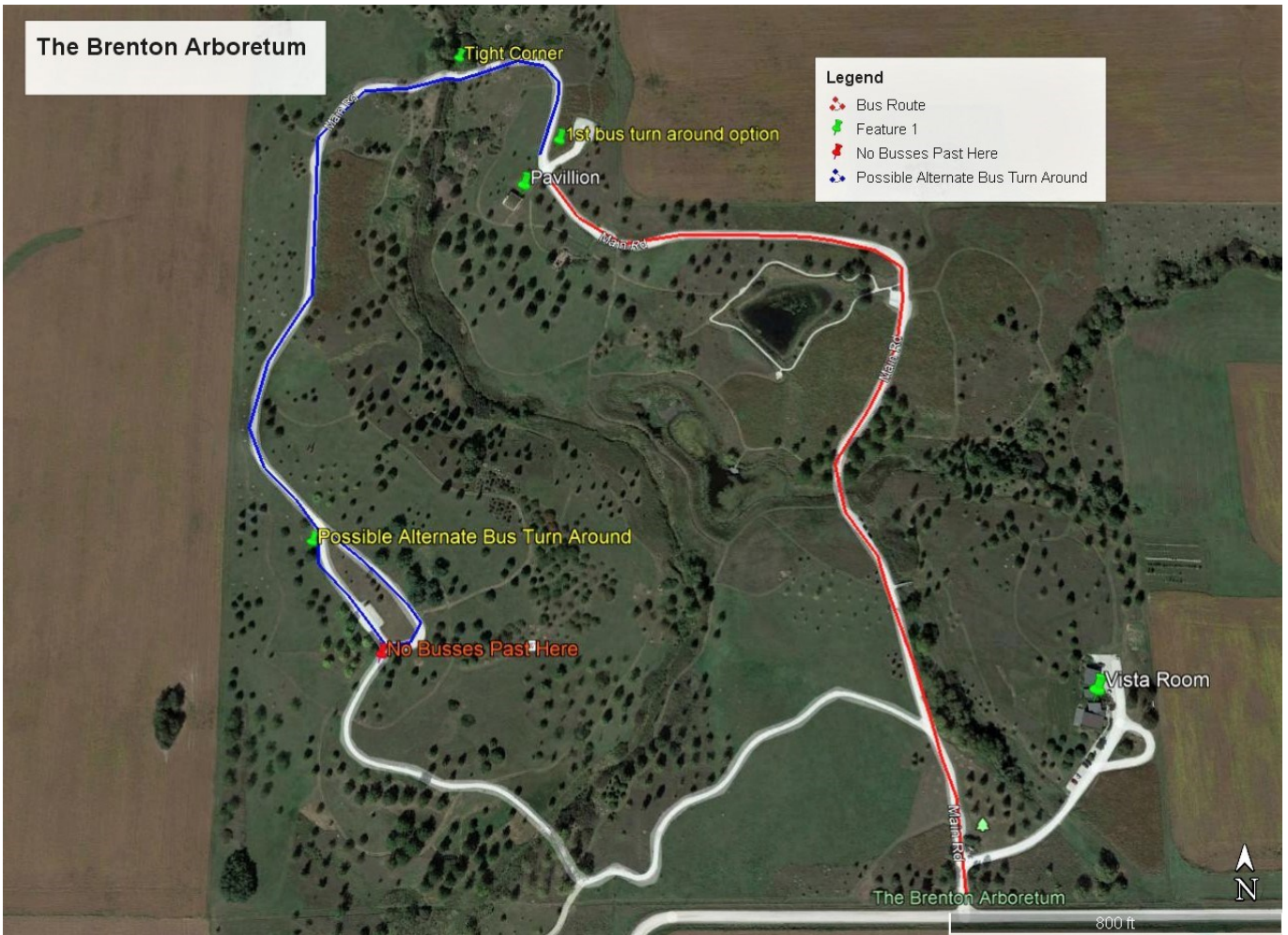
- ◇ All field trips start and end at the pavilion
- ◇ There is one porta-potty at the pavilion
- ◇ Have your students prepared with sunscreen, bug spray, a water bottle, a hat or sunglasses, and close toed shoes
- ◇ One or more chaperones are required for each unit group. Parents are welcome.
- ◇ All school field trips are free.

Teacher and Chaperone Responsibilities :

1. Teachers and chaperones are responsible for discipline and student behavior.
2. Teachers and chaperones are aware of any medical or special needs of students in your group. Let the Brenton Arboretum staff know ahead of time if such needs exist so we might be able to prepare to accommodate such students.
3. Teachers and chaperones can participate in all activities with the students. Students look to adults as role models.

Activity Title	Activity Description	Grade Suitability
Nature Play	Children enjoy scrambling up hay bales, navigating stumperies, swinging, climbing, building, creating, crawling through the living tunnel, and investigating the butterfly gardens.	PK, K-2, 3-5
Me A Tree/ Leaf Friend	Students will learn why diversity is beneficial and how to recognize traits that distinguish different types of trees and leaves. They learn the components and jobs performed by a developing tree.	PK, K-2, 3-5
Aquatic Odyssey	Students will explore components of wetlands and the aquatic life of the ponds at the Arboretum with nets and buckets. <i>There is potential to get wet or muddy.</i>	K-2, 3-5, 6-8
Insect Safari	Students will learn about insects by carefully catching and studying live insects before releasing them back into their habitat. They also learn about insect needs and habitats on their adventure.	PK, K-2, 3-5, 6-8

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2022-2023 Field Trip Booking Form

Complete this form and return by email to
rentals@thebrentonarboretum.org
at least **4 weeks before your requested trip date.**

**Field trips are offered by appointment only.
Submitting this form does not confirm your trip.
Confirmation will be made by email to the email
address provided on this form.**

School/Group Name: _____

Teacher Contact Name: _____

Teacher Contact Phone: _____
(this is the number we'll use to contact you in case of things like severe weather, a cell # is best)

Email: _____
(this is the email we'll use to confirm your trip)

Reason for coming to the Arboretum:

How many students? _____

Grade level (or range): _____

Preferred Program Date:

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

In the event of severe weather, a shortened program can be brought to your classroom during your regularly-scheduled field trip time. No rain dates will be scheduled ahead of time.

Preferred Program Time:

AM Program Arrival time _____ Departure time _____ -or- **PM Program** Arrival time _____ Departure time _____
(2 hours from arrival) (2 hours from arrival)

Extras outside of scheduled program time: (Please follow Leave No Trace Ethics)

____ Lunch at Pavilion ____ Use Nature Play Area

Program Selection:

Inchworm Investigators

Pre-K+ : 1.5 hrs

- Learning Through Play**
Unit 1: Me a Tree
Unit 2: Nature Play

Knee-High Naturalists

K-2+ : 2 hrs

- Classic Field Trip**
Unit 1: Me a Tree
Unit 2: Insect Safari
Unit 3: Aquatic Odyssey

Please include any special requests or additional information we may need to know about your group here.

