



## **BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL VISIT TO NIWRA**

- Connect to your environment through observation, inquiry and critical thinking
- Come face-to-face with amazing animals
- Ignite your sense of wonder, exploration and curiosity
- Connect with our natural world
- Be inspired to act and protect animals and our natural world

**North island Wildlife Recovery Centre** is open year-round. Field Trips can be booked any day through our website: [www.niwra.org](http://www.niwra.org) Guided and self-guided school trips (September to June) are available. These fill up quickly, we recommend booking early.

### **TRIPS AT A GLANCE**

#### **Self-Guided School Tour**

You're the tour guide when you come to NIWRA on a self-guided visit. Enjoy and explore the Wildlife Recovery Centre at your own pace. Borrow our Self-Guided Tour Manual to help you learn about the animals that call NIWRA home.

#### **General Guided School Tour**

Looking for a unique up-close experience for your students? Join our knowledgeable guides on an educational tour of our facility and meet our many resident non – releasable animals. Learn how everyone can make a difference for wildlife and the environment. Note that this is a walking tour. Please dress for the weather.

#### **Guided School Tour with Interactive Discover Bear or Discover Owl theme**

Add one of our Interactive Discover Animal themes to your guided school Tour to enhance your curriculum and inspire your students. Join us for a guided interactive experience that will bring nature to life. Note that this is a walking tour. Please dress for the weather.

**We look forward to your visit and hope you have a wonderful experience exploring our centre.  
Please look at our information and conditions before you book.**

**Please Note:**

- Your tour time will be scheduled based on the time you indicate on booking form
- Admission fees are waived for a support person accompanying a student with a disability, however this person does not count as a class chaperone
- Our facility is wheelchair accessible
- Cell phone for photos only. Cell phones to be turned off
- Please dress for the weather and be prepared to walk during the tour of the facility

**Information required at time of booking:**

- Date of visit
- Time of tour to begin (note the time you choose is the time our volunteers will be ready)
- Contact teacher's name, email & cell number
- School name, address and phone number
- Number of classes, students by grade level and number of chaperones
- Type of tour requested
- Special Needs of any students
- Specific Learning objective of your visit (Guided Tour and Discover Bear or Owl only)

**Admission Payment:**

Payment for Centre admission is due upon arrival. Debit or credit cards and cash are accepted at the front counter. Admission will be charged for the number of students and adults present with you at that time.

**Chaperones:**

To help prevent any problems and for the safety of your students, you are required to bring enough adults to assist your group.

- Kindergarten to Grade 3      1 chaperone per 5 students
- Grades 4 – 12                      1 chaperone per 10 students
- Special Needs Students      1 support person/chaperone

**Cancellation and Rescheduling:**

North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre is open rain or shine except for extreme weather. Your reservation may be rescheduled. Please give us 2 weeks' notice if possible. We will do our best to accommodate, but we reserve the right to cancel or adjust as needed.

**Arrival and Parking:**

- Bus Parking is available
- Please arrive at the scheduled time. Call 250-248-8534 to notify if you are going to be more than 10 minutes late. Our volunteers will be ready and waiting for you at the specified time
- Your group will be met by volunteer guides who will go over our guidelines and prepare you for the tour
- Check in at the Gift Shop to confirm the final number of students and adults and make payment

**Cancellation Policy:**

Please note that if your visit needs to be cancelled, we will try to reschedule subject to available dates.

**Prepare Your Students:**

Students must always stay with chaperones. Teachers, please prepare groups of equal size between 10 – 15 students.

Please review the North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre Code of Conduct with your students.

Code of Conduct: Teachers and chaperones are responsible for student conduct at all times.

Any behavior (such as running, yelling, rough-housing or playing tag) that frightens, causes stress or endangers the safety of our animals is unacceptable. Our guides set the standard for behavior during the tour; teachers, parents and chaperones are expected to cooperate.

- Please encourage children to move quietly at a walking pace around the centre, keeping together and being considerate of other visitors
- Please stay behind your volunteer tour guide
- Please ask questions, but keep story telling until after the tour
- Teachers and chaperones are responsible for students at all times. Our volunteer guides leave the group immediately after tour ends
- Food or drink is not permitted during the tour. Picnic tables are on site for use after tour

**They Depend On Us and We Depend On You**

*We are a non-profit organization. All revenue from admissions, including school field trips directly support our mission of caring for ill, injured and orphaned wildlife and educating the public on wildlife and environmental issues.*

