

Field Trip FAQs

How do we get to the museum?

The museum is located at 408 Mason Court, at the intersection of Cherry and Mason Streets. Take 287/College Avenue until you come to Cherry Street. Turn west onto Cherry; the museum will be on your right. Take your first right onto Mason Court and then right again into our parking lot.

Where is bus parking?

Drop off and pick up is located at the School Group Entrance. Museum staff and volunteers will greet and orient your students at the bus before escorting them inside. Bus parking is located at the northeast corner of the building in the gravel lot and marked with signage. For chaperones arriving separate from the bus, parking is free at the museum, and overflow parking is available along Cherry Street and in the Downtown area.

Is there a place to store coats and backpacks?

The museum offers storage space for students' coats and sack lunches. Cubbies are provided inside the School Group Entrance. Please note that this space is open to the public, and the museum is not responsible for items left here.

What if we have more adults than the 1 to 5 ratio?

The more chaperones the better, so if you exceed the 1:5 ratio, all adults receive free admission.

What if we have less adults than the 1 to 5 ratio?

Field trips that fail to meet the required 1:5 ratio will charge all chaperones general admission, or \$9.50/chaperone.

What if a student has a museum membership?

Field trip fees are different from membership fees. Due to this, memberships cannot be used to waive field trip fees.

Is there space for lunch?

Yes, the museum has space available for field trips to reserve for lunch. The rate for this space is \$15 per room per 30 minutes. Space is limited, however, so make your reservation as early as possible.

FCMoD is also located next to Lee Martinez Park. An area with covered picnic tables, large grassy space, and a playground is just a short walk down the bike trail.

How long can we stay?

The museum recommends you plan for a minimum of 90 minutes in the exhibits. If you are seeing a Digital Dome show or reserving space for lunch, additional time can be added for your group.

What Dome show should we see?

All available Dome shows are listed on the museum's website. We recommend *Accidental Astronauts* and *One World, One Sky* for 2nd grade and younger. *Back to the Moon* and *Dream to Fly* are recommended for ages 6+. *Cosmic Journey* is recommended for classes studying astronomy, while *Dynamic Earth* and *Life* are recommended for classes studying Earth processes.