Guidelines for Self-Guided Field Trips

1. Rules:
   • Respect the trees and the many other visitors who are learning here.
   • To preserve the health and beauty of the trees, students may not pick, pull, or climb on the trees. Students may gently touch plant parts to feel texture and smell scents. Students may collect plant material that has fallen to the ground.
   • Walking in plant beds or mulched areas is not allowed.

2. Buses:
   • Schools should plan to drop off students outside the gates and park along the Arborway or Bussey Street.
   • Make sure the bus driver understands that busses cannot drive through the landscape.
   • If you need special accommodations, please contact us at 617 384-5239.

3. Public Transportation:
   • The Arboretum is easily accessible from the Forest Hills T stop, and by Bus #35, #38, #39, and #51.

4. The Visitor Center:
   • Our center is small. Here you will find a scale model of the Arboretum, changing art exhibits, seasonal highlight displays, and friendly staff who can help guide your visit.
   • If you would like to bring students inside, plan to enter in staggered groups of 10 or less, always accompanied by a supervising adult.
   • Use indoor voices.
   • Note that the Visitor Center is closed on Wednesdays.

5. Bathrooms:
   • Bathrooms are located in the Hunnewell Building, which is open from 9am to 5pm weekdays.
   • Plan for students to use the facilities in small, staggered groups, with a supervising adult.
   • Use indoor voices.
   • Portable toilets are located inside the Main Gate, near the Dana Greenhouses, and on Peter’s Hill.

6. Picnics:
   • School groups may picnic on the grounds, as a special exception to our no-picnic policy.
   • Plan to carry out all trash, or use the receptacles available throughout the park.
   • We do not have storage for lunches, nor do we have any indoor space in case of rain.