



Landmark Park Field Trip Guide 2026

Celebrating 50 Years



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Landmark Park Dothan

Mission – To collect, preserve, and interpret the cultural and natural heritage of Dothan and the Wiregrass Region.

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Welcome from our Team!

Thank you for exploring your field trip options with Landmark Park!

Situated in Dothan, we are a 150-acre outdoor classroom that you can utilize as a resource in your educational programming. We want to partner with you to provide unique field trip experiences that teach state standards and captivate students. This planning guide contains all the information needed to schedule a field trip to Landmark Park.

Our Field Trips, Planetarium Programs, and Seasonal Sessions offer a variety of cross-curricular study options that range from outdoor wildlife exhibits, farm stading, the planetarium, nature boardwalk, and more. It's important to push the pause button on life and take time to look back into the past to see how far we have come. Our staff has years of experience which enable us to meet your educational objectives. Contact us today to book a field trip at the park for your classroom. We are looking forward to your visit to continue advancing the education of our students.

Thank you for taking the time to consider us as a local field trip option and remember,
“This is your park!”

Sincerely,

Landmark Park Staff

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General Park Information

Daily ADMISSION PRICES & HOURS

Adults age 13 and up: **\$5 each**

Children age 3-12: **\$4 each**

Park members and children 2 and under: **FREE**

Admission costs for all teachers and adults on field trips are as follows:

Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Park Memberships do apply to any and all gate admissions for all field trips.

PARK HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday: **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Sunday: **Closed**

HOLIDAYS CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day

Also, check us out on the following sites:

Facebook: facebook.com/landmarkparkdothan/

Tik Tok: [landmark.park.dot](https://tiktok.com/landmark.park.dot)

Virtual tour through our website, www.landmarkparkdothan.com

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Choose Your Program

You can visit the park for one of the following options or a combination of options:

Seasonal Sessions – These are unique field trips only available during certain times of the year. They are designed for smaller groups due to the nature of the experience. These sessions are usually half-day sessions which go from 9AM-1PM. Seasonal Sessions always book fast so be sure to register as soon as possible.

Field Trips – Our field trip experiences are wonderful opportunities to slow down and look back into time. Landmark Park fosters a sense of gratitude for how far we have come. Some of our field trip experiences are even designed to allow for the exploration of artistic expression, inspired by nature and the pioneer ways of the past.

Planetarium Programs – These educational and informative programs are seen in our climate controlled, 30-foot dome planetarium through a Digitalis Educational Solutions projection system. This creates a fully immersive viewing experience coupled with stereo sound. Seasons and lunar timelines were often important to farmers. Our ability to highlight space, stars and the solar system go hand in hand not only with pioneer ways of living and farming, but also our field trip and education department.

Add-on Sessions – These sessions can be added to a Seasonal Session or Field Trips. These are shorter class options so that you can add a little more to your trip so that you make the most of your time with us. If you're looking for a little something extra to bolster your educational approach on any of our trips, this can be a good way to do it.

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Seasonal Sessions

Landmark's Living History

Spring Dates: April 6-10, 2026

Fall Dates: November 16-20, 2026

Length 3-4 hours. Recommended age: 3rd-9th grade. Group size: 40 or less

Option 1: \$12 per student which includes a pioneer era lunch. 4 Hours (9 am-1 pm)

Teacher admission is \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each (standard park admission) with no lunch included

The pioneer era lunch includes ham, a biscuit, some syrup, and a bottle of water.

We appreciate teachers so much that they will receive a free pioneer era lunch.

Students, teachers and parents are always welcome to bring an additional sack lunch.

Option 2: \$10 per student with NO lunch provided. 4 Hours (9 am-1 pm)

Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Students, teachers and parents are always welcome to bring a sack lunch.

Description: This program involves your students dressing in costume accessories to match the historical period, which of course is optional. The students will also get their hands dirty! Give your students the experience of living and working on a wiregrass farmstead in the early 1900s, while learning and discussing older value systems. Students will make butter, care for the farm animals, help in the garden, and tour the Historic Waddell House, as well as the Watson cabin! This half-day program will conclude with a lunch option and some time for purchases at the Historical Martins Drugstore and gift shop. Ice Cream at the Martin Drugstore is optional at additional costs.

Due to the hands-on nature of this program classes are limited.

Al State Standards: SS2.1.1, SS3.8.2, SS 3.11.1, SS3.11.2, SS4.1.2, SS6.6.1, SS11.1.1, SS11.1.4,

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Earth Day in the Park

Dates: April 22, 2026

\$10 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Length: 2 Hours. Recommended age: 3rd-5th grade. Group size: 35 or less.

Description: Join us in celebrating Earth Day with fun filled with educational opportunities! Students will plant a tree, as well as discuss and practice composting. The class will also take a small nature hike to observe life in the woods and remove any litter along the trails. Students will learn about how their daily activities can positively or negatively impact community. Following these fun activities students are invited to pitch a picnic lunch and have free time in the playground. Al State Standards: SC15.5.15, SC15.K.6, SC15.K.6, SC15.5.16, HE19.8.1.2, ELA21.2.19

May Day in the Park

Dates: May 1, 2026

\$10 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Length: 2 Hours. Recommended age: 3rd-5th grade. Group size: 35 or less.

Description: We are excited to give your students the opportunity to experience a holiday that celebrates the half-way point between Spring and Summer. As Landmark Park has roots that are deeply attached to horticulture and agriculture, students will plant spring flowers in the park while discussing and learning about proper planting soil. Students will also play games such as tug-of-war and have sack races. After games, students eat a sack lunch and then enjoy ice cream from the Martin Drug Store. Al State Standards: Agriscience Standards: 1, 10; CFD4, 6, 7; SC23.3.1-2, SC23.5.5-5, SC23.5.8.9-10, SC.23.

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Landmark's Harvest Haydays

Dates: October 22 – 23, 2026

\$15 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Length: 3-4 Hours. Recommended Age: PreK- 5th grade. Group size: 40 or less.

Description: Your class will enjoy an educational program full of fall harvest fun at with an old Harvest Haydays! This field trip involves a pumpkin hunt for a take home pumpkin which students will paint, wagon rides, some farm work, and more! We will also have an old-time games area with tug of war, cornhole, and sack races which will allow your students to enjoy the outdoors in an old way. (Some activities are based on crop availability)

Al State Standards: Objective SCI.K.4.3, SCI.K.5.4, SCI.2.6.1, K.2.1, 1.5.1, 2.1.1

Christmas Past at Landmark

Dates: December 7-11, 2026

Cost: \$10 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Length: 2 Hours. Recommended age: Pre-K – 5th grade. Recommended group size: 35 or less.

Description: Experiencing Christmas as your grandparents described it can be a challenge, especially in today's world where technological advancements are powered by electricity. During our Christmas Past event, students can enjoy learning about a vintage Christmas experience firsthand! Students will re-visit old value systems when a little went a long way. They will indulge in hot chocolate tasting and enjoy storytelling by the fireplace. You will also have a Free classroom group photo with Santa on the porch of the Waddell House.

Al State Standards: Objective K.2.1, 2.1.1, SS10.1.11

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Field Trips

The Landmark Farm Tour

Cost: \$6 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Length: 1 hour. Recommended age: 2nd – 8th grade.

Description: As a centerpiece at Landmark Park, the farm tour is highly recommended by both the staff and visitors. Students will acquire a greater understanding of the lifestyle of rural farm families at the turn of the century with a visit to our Wiregrass Farmstead. They will visit the external structures around the farm and learn the importance of sugar cane, a corn crib, a garden, and a blacksmith shop. They will also learn about the role animals played on the farm 100 years ago. Al State Standards: Objective SCL.K.3.1, SCL.K.3.3, SCL.K.4.3, SCL.K.5.3, SCL.K.5.4, K.2.1,2.1.1, 4.6.1, 4.6.2

Landmark Reptiles

Cost: \$6 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Program Length: 1 hour. Recommended age: K – 8th grade

Description: Students will learn the importance of several reptiles, their characteristics, and the vital roles they play. This is a fun filled, hands-on, and educational class with some Landmark Parks reptile display items as well as live reptiles. Many schools come back for this class time and time again. It fits well with a Landmark Park Farm Tour to make a wonderful day at the park. Al State Standards: Objective SCL.K.3.1, SCL.K.3.3, SCL.K.3.4, SCL.K.4.1, SCL.K.4.4, SCL.K.5.1, SCL.K.5.3, SCL.1.6.1, SCL.1.6.2, SCL.1.6.3, SCL.1.7.1, SCL.1.7.2, SCL.2.7.1, SCL.2.7.2, SCL.2.7.3, SCL.2.7.4, SCL.3.5.1, SCL.3.5.2, SCL.3.5.4, SCL.3.6.1, SCL.3.6.2, SCL.3.7.1, SCL.3.7.2, SCL.3.7.3, SCL.3.7.4, SCL.3.9.1, SCL.3.10.1, SCL.3.10.2, SCL.3.10.3, SCL.4.11.1, SCL.4.11.2, SCL.7.6.1, SCL.7.6.2, SCL.7.6.3, SCL.7.6.4, SCL.7.6.5, SCL.7.10.1, SCL.7.10.2, SCL.7.10.5

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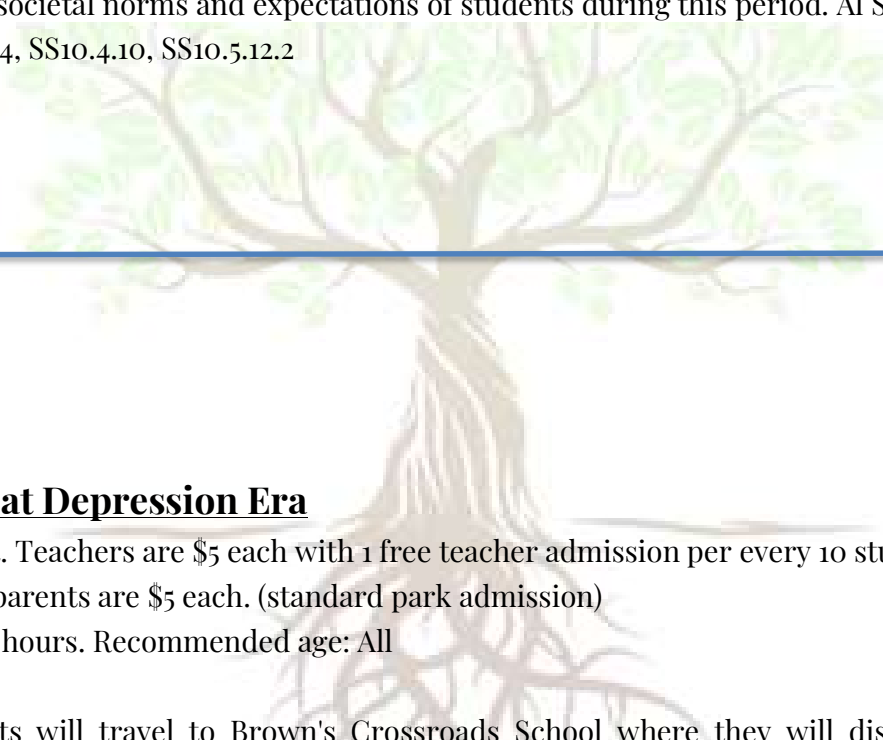
The Browns Crossroads Schoolhouse

Cost: \$6 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Program Length: 1 hour. Recommended age: All

Description: Students will journey back in time to experience education in the actual 1900's era Browns Crossroads Schoolhouse. This schoolhouse is not a replica, but it is the original building which makes this field trip much more special. The class will gain firsthand insight into what culture was like through attending school in the late 1800s and early 1900's with a focus on subjects such as reading, writing and arithmetic. We will also explore the societal norms and expectations of students during this period. Al State Standards: SS10.K.3, SS4.10.1, SS10.2.1.4, SS10.4.10, SS10.5.12.2



Landmark's Great Depression Era

Cost: \$10 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Program Length: 2-3 hours. Recommended age: All

Description: Students will travel to Brown's Crossroads School where they will discuss how the Great Depression dramatically changed life and the educational system in rural Alabama. The class will explore the culture of a one-room schoolhouse education. After visiting the one-room schoolhouse, we will continue our trip back to the Great Depression so they can experience life on an Alabama farm. They will learn about the challenges of daily life on a home-stead farm. For example, during their visit to the Waddell Farm, they will learn about "subsistence farming" and the importance of the kitchen garden for Mr. and Mrs. Waddell. In the Waddell House, students will gather in the living room to listen to President Roosevelt deliver his first fireside chat during the great depression. Al State Standards: 4.12.1, 4.12.2, 6.7.1, 6.7.2, 11.6.1, 11.6.2, 11.6.3, 11.6.4

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Landmark Forest Adventures (subject to special forestry instructor availability)

Cost: \$8 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Program Length: 1-2 hours depending on class size. Recommended age: 4th – 12th grade.

Description: Learn about the interactions in a forest, from producers to consumers to decomposers. A walk on our boardwalk trails will give students the chance to explore our forest more closely and learn about these connections through hands-on experiences in Landmark Park's outdoor classroom! Al State Standards: Objective SCI.K.3.1, SCI.K.3.2, SCI.K.3.3, SCI.K.3.4, SCI.K.4.1, SCI.K.4.4, SCI.K.5.1, SCI.K.5.3, SCI.K.5.4, SCI.K.6.1, SCI.K.6.3, SCI.2.7.1, SCI.2.7.2, SCI.2.7.3, SCI.2.7.4, SCI.2.8.2, SCI.2.8.3, SCI.2.8.4, SCI.2.9.1, SCI.2.10.1, SCI.2.11.1, SCI.2.11.2, SCI.2.11.3, SCI.3.5.1, SCI.3.5.2, SCI.3.5.4, SCI.3.6.1, SCI.3.6.2, SCI.4.15.1, SCI.4.15.3, SCI.4.15.4, SCI.4.15.5, SCI.7.6.1, SCI.7.6.2, SCI.7.6.3, SCI.7.6.4, SCI.7.6.5, SCI.7.10.1, SCI.7.10.2, SCI.7.10.3, SCI.7.10.4, SCI.7.10.5, 3.3.1

Natural Art at the Park

Cost: \$10 Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Program Length: 2 hours. Recommended age: K – 8th

Description: During this adventure, students will explore Landmark Park to gather materials for creating their nature art. Paint brushes will not be used; instead, students will let their imaginations and the resources provided by nature inspire their original works of art, all of which will align with their chosen class theme. At the end of the class, students will have the opportunity to keep their artwork. Al State Standards: SC15. k.5, SC15.3.11b, SC15.5.13.

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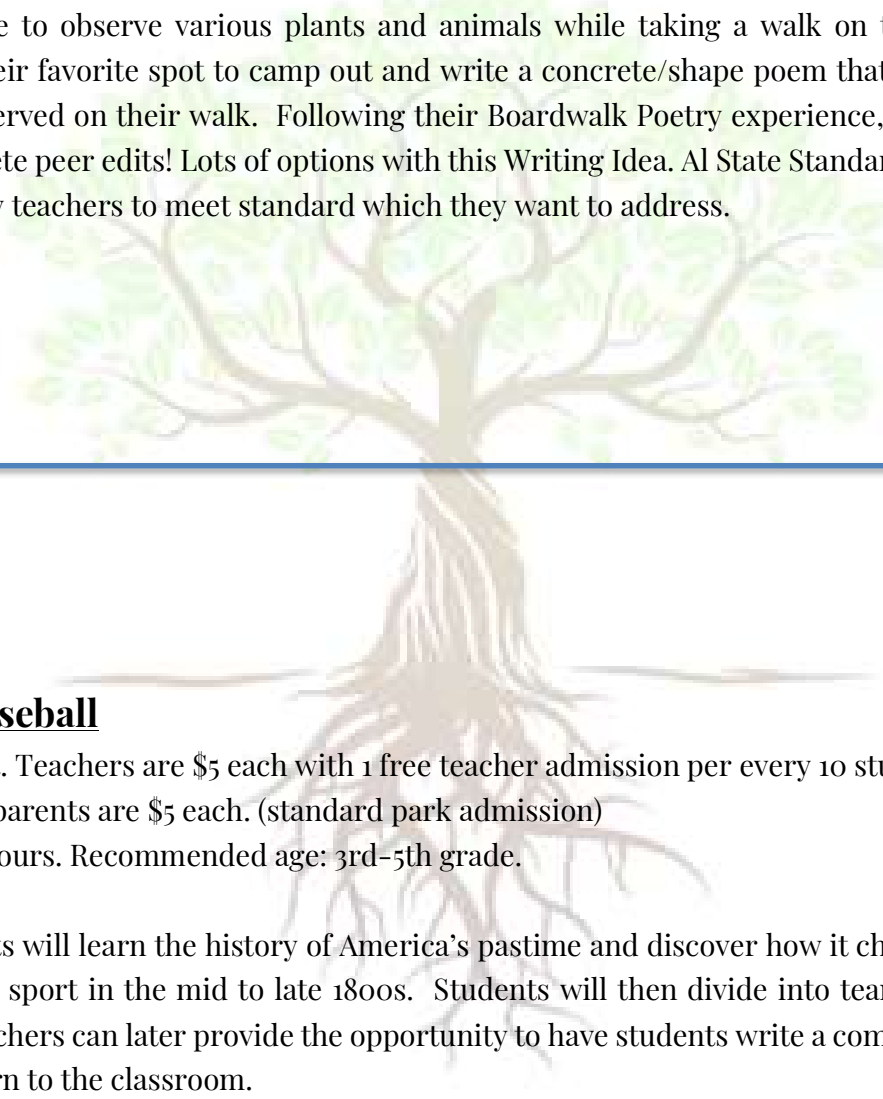
Landmark Boardwalk Poetry

Cost: \$3 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Program Recommended grades: 5th grade–12th grade

Description: Take your students out on our dynamic nature boardwalk for inspiration to write poetry. Students will be able to observe various plants and animals while taking a walk on the boardwalk. Then students can pick their favorite spot to camp out and write a concrete/shape poem that reflects an object in nature that they observed on their walk. Following their Boardwalk Poetry experience, students share what they wrote or complete peer edits! Lots of options with this Writing Idea. Al State Standards: Writing activities can be customized by teachers to meet standard which they want to address.



Vintage Park Baseball

Cost: \$10 per student. Teachers are \$5 each with 1 free teacher admission per every 10 students.

Additional adults or parents are \$5 each. (standard park admission)

Program Length: 2 Hours. Recommended age: 3rd–5th grade.

Description: Students will learn the history of America's pastime and discover how it changed over the years to become a popular sport in the mid to late 1800s. Students will then divide into teams to play a game of vintage baseball. Teachers can later provide the opportunity to have students write a comparison and contrast essay once they return to the classroom.

Max of 30 students for this event. Al State Standards: ELA21.K.R5, ELA21.1.R5, ELA21.2.R3, ELA21.2.R4, ELA21.2.R5, ELA21.3.38, ELA21.5.R4, ELA21.7.R.E , ELA21.8.R.E, ELA21.9.R.E, ELA21.10.R.E, ELA21.11.R.E, ELA21.12.R.E

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Add-On Sessions

Shorter options (30 minutes or more depending on group size) that can pair with a field trip.

Martin Drugstore History and Ice Cream

Cost: \$5 per student

Treat your class treat to some amazing history of the Martin Drugstore. Students can tour the Drugstore and see a doctor's office and exam room! In addition, they can see many types of medicine and medical equipment. The storyteller at the Drugstore will tell the story of the Drugstore while treating your kids to some creamy ice cream. AL State Standards: Objective: SS10.4.4.1, SS10.4.4.2, SS10.4.4, SS10.4.6, SS10.4.6, SS10.6.1

Old Time Games

Cost: \$2 per student.

Students will learn about how children entertained themselves in the late 1800s and what games they might have played. These are all STEM related before we even called it STEM! Activities may include trying out various old games such as spinning tops, tug-of-war, Outdoor Ring, Cup and Ball Toss, Dominos, and many more!

Self-Guided Tour

Cost: Included in your park admission or field trip fees.

We know students love their cell phones! Let's put them to good use. Have your students scan the QR codes found around the park and watch our interactive video clips that share the rich history of the structures at Landmark Park and their importance. This is a great way to add a quick fun activity after lunch before heading back to school. AL State Standards: SS10.4.4, SS10.4.4.2, SS10.4.10, SS10.5.12.2 SS10. P.1.2, SS10. S.9

Ag Museum

Cost: Included in your park admission or field trip fees.

The Alabama Agricultural Museum has been located at Landmark Park since 1992, by Act no. 92-541. The 6,000-square-foot building showcases the agricultural history of the Wiregrass region in the 1890s. A sampling of artifacts from Landmark Park's collection is on display. The Alabama Agricultural Museum is open on Wednesdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the museum is free with your paid Landmark Park admission. AL State Standards: SS10.4.10.1, SS10.7C.7.2, CTE20.AFN.OA.A, CTE20.AFN.OA.2, CTE20.AFN.AA.1

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Planetarium Programs

A Planetarium Show is a great addition to any custom trip here at Landmark Park. Students will enjoy a brand-new state-of-the-art projection system on our dome while enjoying stereo sound with their class. Maximum Capacity per show is 35 people. (This includes teachers, students, and parents.)

We fill the dome with students first and then parents may pay for a show at the gift shop near the Planetarium if there is room for them to attend with students.

Pricing: Shows under 45 minutes are \$5 per student / Shows over 45 minutes are \$8 per student

Show	Description	Length	Captions	Age
Big Astronomy	Big Astronomy: People, Places, Discoveries explores three observatories located in Chile, at extreme and remote places. It gives examples of the multitude of STEM careers needed to keep the great observatories working. The show is narrated by Barbara Rojas-Ayala, a Chilean astronomer.	28 Min	Yes	3rd - 5th, Middle School, Adults
Hot and Energetic Universe	The Hot and Energetic Universe presents with the use of immersive visualizations and real images the achievements of modern astronomy, the most advanced terrestrial and orbital observatories, the basic principles of electro-magnetic radiation and the natural phenomena related to the High Energy Astrophysics.	30 Min	Yes	Middle School, Adults
Journey to Mars	NASA's Journey to Mars" is a short planetarium presentation that can be used in the educational domes of your school district, as well as local planetariums, to inspire interest in	10 Min	Yes	All Ages
LCROSS Revisited	In 2009, two unmanned spacecraft, the LRO (Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter) and LCROSS (Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite) launched together to explore the Moon in new ways. The LRO spacecraft continues to map the moon in unprecedented detail. LCROSS delivered the Centaur impactor into a shaded lunar crater (called "Cabeus") near the lunar south pole, creating a plume for the spacecraft to fly into and collect data to look for water. This post-impact version has been updated to include results from the LCROSS mission and orbital photography from LRO.	9 Min	Yes	All Ages

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Losing the Dark	Starry skies are a vanishing treasure because light pollution is washing away views of the cosmos. It threatens astronomy and disrupts wildlife while affecting human health. The glows over cities seen from space are testament to the billions spent on wasted energy from lighting the sky.	7 Min	yes	All Ages
Phantom Universe	Phantom of the Universe: a free planetarium show that showcases the exploration of dark matter, from the Big Bang to galaxies to the Large Hadron Collider.	28 Min	Yes	Middle School, Adults
Seeing!	A photon's journey across space, time, and the mind. Planetarium show based on a 1-hr PBS documentary "Sight: The Story of Vision" weaving a tale of the journey of humanity that discovered the science, technology and medicine that allows us to understand how sight works, cure diseases of the eye and correct vision.	27 Min	Yes	3rd - 5th, Middle School, Adults
Solar Quest	SOLAR QUEST is a short planetarium feature that demonstrates and provides an overview of the Sun/Earth environment. Detailed and high-quality animations and videos demonstrate various solar phenomena such as fusion, light energy and solar surface features and phenomena. The show also discusses the impacts that space weather may have and how the Earth's atmosphere and magnetic field protect all life on Earth. Highlighted in the show is the role of the Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) and how scientists have begun to use it to help identify and predict severe space weather	11 Min	Yes	Middle School, Adults
Sunstruck	A full dome planetarium production about the sun. Produced by the Michigan Science Center under a NASA grant. The show is available for order and small fee of \$100 USD covers the cost of the hard drive (loaded with the show assets) and shipping. Evans & Sutherland, Audio Visual Imagineering and Digitalis have partnered to be third-party distributors and have encoded the show to be compatible with their systems.	21 Min	yes	Middle School, Adults
Two Small Pieces of Glass	Two Small Pieces of Glass - The Amazing Telescope is a show produced by European Southern Observatory - ESO Supernova Planetarium for planetariums and digital dome theatres. Info, trailer & full preview available.	23 Min	Yes	3rd - 5th, Middle School, Adult
Climate Change in Our Backyard	Explore the role of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere, natural temperature variations that the Earth has experienced over millions of years, and how humans are affecting our planet today.	20 Min	Yes *	
Cosmic Mashups	Supermassive black holes are found in most galaxies and we're beginning to uncover how the merging of galaxies activate galactic centers.	21 Min	Yes *	

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Cosmic Origins Spectrograph	Following the path taken by light from a quasar, this film journeys across the cosmic web, touching on concepts such as spectra, formation of the elements, the electro-magnetic spectrum, the distribution of gas around galaxies, and many of HST's showcase images.	28 Min	Yes *	
Forward to the Moon	NASA's 21st century Artemis program, named after the Greek moon Goddess and twin of Apollo, is the next step in our mission to explore the universe and land the first woman and person of color on the surface of the Moon.	26 Min	Yes *	
Max Goes to The Moon	Max (the dog) and a young girl named Tori take their first trip to the Moon since the Apollo era.	35 Min	Yes *	
NASA Explorations Ep 1-Grace	NASA satellites measure the changing levels of groundwater.	7 Min	Yes *	
NASA Explorations Ep 2-CubeSats	A new wave of tiny, inexpensive satellites conducts amazing science.	7 Min	Yes *	
NASA Explorations Ep 3-Mu69	New horizons tell us about Pluto and set its sight on a new target.	7 Min	Yes *	
NASA Explorations Ep 4-Parker Solar Probe	Humans have sent a spacecraft into the Sun's atmosphere to study the corona and solar wind.	7 Min	Yes *	
NASA Explorations Ep 6 -The Dawn of Orion	The Orion spacecraft follows in Apollo's footsteps, but with technological upgrades that will allow it to support up to six crew members for three weeks.	5 Min	Yes *	
NASA Explorations Ep 7 -TESS Discovering Distant Worlds	The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite - Join us as we investigate how researchers are discovering thousands of new worlds throughout our galaxy, using the faintest of signals.	6 Min	Yes *	
NASA Explorations Ep 8 -SOFIA: Learning from the Invisible	By looking at the universe in infrared light, astronomers can see objects that are otherwise invisible. The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) is a modified Boeing 747 designed to carry an infrared telescope high above the surface to fly above the water vapor low in the Earth's atmosphere.	7 Min	Yes *	
NASA MUSCLES	Explore how researchers are using the Hubble Space Telescope's Measurements of the Ultraviolet Spectral Characteristics of Low-mass Exoplanetary Systems (MUSCLES) Survey to study properties of red dwarf stars and how their intense x-ray and ultraviolet flares may affect the chemistry of planets' atmospheres.	7 Min	Yes *	

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Worlds of Curiosity	"What would it be like to live on an Earth with no Moon?" or "What if the Earth was tilted on its side (like Uranus)?" Explore how our lives would be different on these Earths, talk about other hypothetical planets that could exist, and marvel at the even stranger worlds that astronomers have discovered beyond our solar system.	15 Min	Yes *	
5000 Eyes Mapping the Universe with DESI	The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) is creating the most detailed map of our nearby universe. Join us as we explore the science, instruments, and people behind this global endeavor.	23 Min		
Astronomy Photographer of the Year	Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2015 is a 14-min show produced by Royal Observatory Greenwich – Peter Harrison Planetarium for planetariums and digital dome theatres. Info, trailer & full preview available.	14 Min		3rd – 5th, Middle School, Adults
Astronomy Photographer of the Year	Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2016 is a 14-min show produced by Royal Observatory Greenwich – Peter Harrison Planetarium for planetariums and digital dome theatres. Info, trailer & full preview available.	27 Min		3rd – 5th, Middle School, Adults
Audio Tour of the Solar system	Experience the solar system like never before. This unique show takes you on a voyage inside a special spacecraft that can convert light into sound.	35 Min		
Citizen Sky: Epsilon Aurigae	The stars appear changeless. But as our ancestors noticed, some stars change slightly over time. They don't stray noticeably from their constellation patterns, but a few changes in brightness. The fifth brightest star in Auriga, the Charioteer is called Epsilon Aurigae. Every 27 years, it drops in brightness and mysteriously dims for nearly two years. Some observations suggest that the giant star may have a faint ring of material around it.	6 Min		Middle School, Adults
Cosmic Castaways	Based on research from astronomers at Youngstown State University, the program explains how stars can be ejected from galaxies by gravitational perturbation. From Ward Beecher Planetarium/Cosmo Quest.	20 Min		Middle School, Adults
Cosmology	How did the universe begin, and how is it evolving? What might its fate be? Explore some of the big questions in this original show narrated by Michael Stevens of Vsauce.	35 Min		12+
Dark	DARK is a full dome movie that explains and explores the nature of dark matter, the missing 80% of the mass of the Universe.	20 Min		Middle School, Adults

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Dark Matter Mystery	What keeps Galaxies together? What are the building blocks of the Universe? What makes the Universe look the way it looks today? Researchers all around the world try to answer these questions. We know today that approximately a quarter of the Universe is filled with a mysterious glue: Dark Matter. We know that it is out there. But we have no idea what it is made of. This full dome planetarium show takes you on the biggest quest of contemporary astrophysics. You will see why we know that Dark Matter exists, and how this search is one of the most challenging and exciting searches science has to offer. Join the scientists on their hunt for Dark Matter with experiments in space and deep underground. Will they be able to solve the Dark Matter Mystery?	38 Min		14 – Adult
Distant Worlds Alien Life?	Distant Worlds — Alien Life? is a beautiful planetarium film exploring one of the most enduring questions of humankind — are we alone? For millennia our ancestors watched the stars, questioning the origin and nature of what they saw. Still today we ask these questions, knowing that the Universe is a vast place filled with billions and billions of stars and planets, but Earth is the only planet we know for sure to be inhabited.	53 Min		Middle School, Adults
Drifting North - Into the Polar Night	Step out onto an ice flow in the middle of the Arctic Ocean, and watch and listen as scientists race the fading light to set up one of the most ambitious international climate collaborations ever, MOSAiC.	25 Min		
Drifting North - The Arctic Pulse	Follow an international team of scientists from over twenty countries who embark on an epic year-long expedition to the Central Arctic, MOSAiC.	26 Min		
Einstein's Gravity Playlist	Einstein's Gravity Playlist is an original planetarium show that explores the ripples in space-time known as gravitational waves. Albert Einstein first predicted the existence of gravitational waves in 1916, and a century later, scientists detected these waves using incredibly precise laser technology here on Earth. In honor of this long-anticipated detection, the scientists who created the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2017. In this show, viewers follow Lucia, a PhD student in physics, on an exploration of how gravitational waves are formed, how they move through the universe, and how scientists like her work to hear them.	23 Min		Middle School, Adults
Exoplanets	Learn about planets beyond our solar system and techniques astronomers use to find them. Winner of the Associazione dei Planetari Italiani Planetarium Video Competition.	30 Min		12+

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Flight to the Moon: LRO and LCROSS	The Clark Planetarium and NASA have partnered to create a 9-minute mini-show about NASA's LRO and LCROSS missions to the Moon.	9 Min		Middle School, Adults
Four Paths of the Sun	This short program illustrates why Earth has seasons, and how the Sun's altitude in the sky changes over the course of a year, and how the angle of the Sun causes changes in weather.	15 Min		Grades 4-8
From Earth to the Universe	From Earth to the Universe is a 30-min show produced by European Southern Observatory for planetariums and digital dome theatres. Info, trailer & full preview.	30 Min		Middle School, Adults
Galaxies	Once we thought that Earth was the center of the universe. Shapely and Hubble changed that perspective by showing that we are part of a vast expanse of galaxies. This program reviews some of their key discoveries and explores some of the most common types of galaxies.	38 Min		12+
Journey to the Center of the Milky Way	Journey to the Centre of the Milky Way is a 7-min show produced by European Southern Observatory – ESO Supernova Planetarium for planetariums and digital dome theatres. Info, trailer & full preview available.	7 Min		Middle School, Adults
Light Echoes	The majesty of Hubble imagery, choreographed to stellar Geodesium music! A 5-minute planetarium musical journey.	5 Min		All Ages
Manley Asteroids	Visualization of all known Earth-crossing asteroids since 1980	4 Min		
Mayan Archaeoastronomy	In a feast of colors and sounds, Mayan Archaeoastronomy: Observers of the Universe makes a tour of 6 Mayan temples: San Gervasio, Chichen Itzá, Uxmal, Edzná, Palenque and Bonampak where the spectator dives into a Mayan world of knowledge about the importance of the orientations of its temples in relation to the movement of some stars like the Sun, the Moon and Venus.	20 Min		Middle School, Adults
Moon Loop	Loop of moon phase.	2 Min		
NASA Explorations Ep 5-Rocks from the Moon	Join us as we explore the legacy of NASA's Apollo Lunar Missions: Rocks from the moon.	8 Min		
One Sky Project	Each short film represents the perspective of a different culture or society from around the globe. Each film stands alone as a story or in combination as a longer narrative organized around themes of "Finding Patterns" and developing tools, or as we say, "To Seek Far."	43 Min		
Out There	We can explore more of the Universe. What we have found so far has surpassed even our wildest expectations – there are planets everywhere!	30 Min		Middle School, Adults

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Rising Star - A South African Astronomy Journey	Rising Star takes you on an astronomical journey from our beginnings through the development of astronomy research in South Africa and looks at what the future of astronomy holds for the country.	24 Min		
Science - Art - Wonder	A short (approximately 6 minutes) music presentation. From Ward Beecher Planetarium/Cosmo Quest:	6 Min		All Ages
Science Through Shadows -- Episode 01	On October 14, 2023, individuals and communities across North America will have the chance to see an annular solar eclipse. This type of eclipse is commonly referred to as a “ring of fire” eclipse and is different from a “total” solar eclipse. This video outlines the differences between the two, discusses best practices for viewing the eclipse and prepares audience members to have an amazing experience on eclipse day!	3 Min		
Sentient	Students from Massachusetts College of Art and Design explore the creative, perceptive, and unexplored mind.	35 Min		Adults
The Dark Matter Mystery	The Dark Matter Mystery - Exploring a Cosmic Secret is a 38-min show for planetariums and digital dome theatres. Info, trailer & full preview available.	38 Min		Middle School, Adults
The Hot and Energetic Universe	The Hot and Energetic Universe is a free full-dome planetarium show about the natural phenomena related to the High Energy Astrophysics. Info & full preview available. For planetariums and digital dome theatres.	30 Min		Middle School, Adults
Voyage to Distant Worlds	A tour of the solar system, but one that's designed for older audiences than many other solar system shows. Lots of information about our neighboring planets is packed into this program.	15 Min		12+
Waiting Far Away	An explorer of the cosmos has traveled too far and can't find home. Follow in the footsteps of a cosmic traveler as he shares a wild story.	11 Min		Middle School, Adults

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Field Trip Details

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Clothing: We recommend that adults and children wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather. i.e. Sweaters/jackets/rain jackets when necessary. Closed-toe shoes are required.

Arrival and Departure: Please make plans to arrive at the park before your scheduled education program. This should give you plenty of time to exit the bus or vehicles, use the restrooms, as well as meet up with any extra chaperones or parents. Late groups may have their program shortened to conclude on time. Groups who arrive 30 minutes late or more risk missing the entire program. In some cases, we have more than one group on site and need to stick to our schedule. Please make sure that all adults attending, including bus drivers, know that every vehicle must stop to check in at our gatehouse. A staff member will greet you and your students in the parking area to give your group an orientation. If classes are to be divided or broken up into groups, we will address that upon arrival. The Education Coordinator from Landmark will be happy to help you with this.

Responsibilities of Teachers and Chaperones: During your visit the behavior of our students will be your responsibility. We hope that your primary concern, like ours, is to provide quality education for your students.

Reservations: Due to the number of students attending our park, teachers are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible. To start the reservation process, please fill out a reservation request form which can be found in this packet or on our website. Please note that your reservation is not complete until you have signed your field trip contract! Our cancellation policy for education programs can be found on our website www.landmarkparkdothan.com or in this program guide. Landmark Park is a very special place, and your trip to the park will be what you make of it. It is important to approach Landmark Park as a learning experience. Landmark Park is a living history museum; it collects and preserves (buildings and artifacts as well as natural habitats), studies, and interprets for the public the natural and cultural heritage of the Wiregrass Region.

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2. Students/chaperones are asked not to talk while instructor is talking or while students are asking questions.
3. Cameras and cell phones are welcome; however, we ask that students and adults refrain from using cell phones or eating food during the program.
4. Landmark Park staff and the media may be present during your program to take pictures or videos. It is your responsibility to inform the Education Department if you have any students that cannot be photographed.
5. Landmark Park reserves the right to send home any student who destroys property, behaves aggressively or takes any other action deemed detrimental to other students or the program. The school will be responsible for providing transportation in such cases and for any damage to the facilities and equipment. No refunds will be made in these circumstances.
6. You are more than welcome to bring lunch. There are several picnic areas available. There are multiple tables under the playground pavilion, next to the Interpretive Center, and scattered around the park. There are also several tables in our Concessions area. All picnic tables are available on a first come, first served basis. Please make sure all trash is thrown in the trash cans.

Cost & Payment: Landmark Park's Education Department may not present programs to groups that have not signed a field trip contract. Full payment is due no later than one week before the program date unless other arrangements are communicated. We accept credit cards, cash, and checks. Checks should be made payable to Landmark Park and mailed to 430 Landmark Dr. Dothan, AL 36303. Please know that the postal service has been taking a longer time to get mail to us due to changes in their internal structure. You may also pay over the phone with a card or drop off a check in person.

Cancellations: Landmark Park reserves the right to alter, reschedule, or cancel programs due to severe weather. A member of the Education Department will contact you to discuss options should this occur. In some cases, programming may be moved indoors, or the teacher will have the option to change to an indoor program. Should Landmark Park find it necessary to cancel a program, a full refund will be issued. Groups that reschedule after payment has already been made can reschedule for another field trip within the same school year. Sometimes scheduled or transportation availability changes and we understand that. We will do what we can to accommodate your situation. To cancel or reschedule, please call or email the Education Department education@landmarkparkdothan.com.

Parents and Chaperones: Parents and chaperones are welcome to attend our programs. For every 10 students in your group, one teacher, parent or chaperone can attend for free. Any additional teachers, parents or chaperones will need to pay the standard park admission unless they are a park member. Please stress to parents that it is not advised to bring other siblings on trips as we are preparing for the number of students we are scheduling and cannot accommodate extra children that we don't know about in the activities. Our focus is on the students and their experience in this educational opportunity.

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Program Reservation Request

Required Form

Please fill out one form per Class. This is only a program request. Before completing this request, please verify with the education department that your dates are available.

You may complete this form online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com, call 334-686-0016, or email it to education@landmarkparkdothan.com.

Your Name: _____ Grade Level(s) _____

School/Group Name: _____

Lead Teacher's Name: _____

Additional Teacher Names: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of Students: _____ Number of Adults: _____

Date requested for Field Trip: _____

Preferred arrival and departure times:

Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

Program Selections:

Here please list the number and names of the programs you would like your students to experience.

You do not have to select 3.

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Add-On Sessions:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

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Would you like your students to have a scheduled time to shop at the gift shop?

_____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Would you like your students to have a scheduled time to shop at the Martin Drugstore?

_____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Are there any special needs that any of your students may have such as allergies?

Are there any key terms or concepts you would like us to focus on or avoid during your program?

Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Lunch Options:

1. **Students bring their lunches.** **Yes:** _____ **No:** _____
2. **Other:** _____

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Landmark Park Field Trip Contract

Required Form

Please return this contract with payment or P.O. number
education@landmarkparkdothan.com

School: _____ Grade[s]: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Lead Teacher: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ School Phone: () _____

Additional School Contact: _____

Email: _____

Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

What form of transportation are you using:

How many vehicles: _____

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TOTAL # Students: _____ # Teachers: _____ #Chaperones: _____

Program(s) Attending:

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARK: Assist with pre-trip planning; provide complete educational programming; inform participants of guidelines, responsibilities and emergency procedures; and provide a safe and wholesome atmosphere.

Please read and initial each blank.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEAD TEACHER: Make reservation and return contract; arrange transportation; arrange chaperones for each school group; communicate with all students, parents and chaperones about the trip; collect fees; participate in program and monitor student's behavior; and submit final payment.

Landmark Park reserves the right to send home any student who becomes ill, destroys property, behaves aggressively or takes any other action deemed detrimental to other students or the program. The school will be responsible for providing transportation in such cases and for any damage to the facilities and equipment. No refunds will be made in these circumstances. The Park cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property brought to the Park. Please encourage students to leave valuables and large amounts of cash at home.

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Education Department Program Policies/Contract

Please read and initial each blank.

_____: Cost & Payment

We accept credit cards, cash, and checks. All checks should be made payable to Landmark Park. If you are mailing your check, please send it to 430 Landmark Dr., Dothan, AL 36303.

Groups that have paid for programming are allowed to arrive early or stay after the program to enjoy all that Landmark Park has to offer.

_____: Parents and Chaperones

Parents and chaperones are welcome to attend our programs. For every 10 students in your group, one parent or chaperone can attend for free. Any additional parents or chaperones will need to pay the program fee.

It's important to maintain communication with the Education Department so we can assist you in managing the parents and chaperones, minimizing any issues upon arrival.

_____: Cancellations

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Rescheduling or canceling a group must be done at least one week prior to your visit.

Groups that reschedule may transfer deposits or payments from one program to another within the same school year. Landmark Park cannot guarantee availability for the program on a later date. To cancel or reschedule, please contact the Education Department via email.

_____: Clothing

Adults and children should wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather. Closed toe shoes are required. **Please plan for the weather** and remind students to bring sweaters/jackets/rain jackets when necessary.

_____: Group Size

At Landmark Park, we are excited to accommodate many different sized groups.

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_____: Arrival and Departure

Please make plans to arrive at the park at least 15 minutes or more prior to your scheduled education program. This will give you plenty of time to exit the bus or vehicles and use the restrooms, as well as meet up with any extra chaperones or parents.

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Please arrive on time. In some cases, we have more than one group on site and need to stick to our schedule. A staff member will greet you and your students in the parking area to welcome you and give further directions. Please note following the check-in process we will hold a brief orientation meeting for all students, chaperones, parents, and teachers. Early arrivals may have to wait until staff and program preparations are ready. Please be respectful of other groups on-site who may already be in a program.

_____ : General Guidelines

Please make sure that everyone understands the following guidelines:

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_____ : Responsibilities of Teachers and Chaperones

During your visit the behavior of our students will be your responsibility. We hope that your primary concern, like ours, is to provide quality education for your students. We reserve the right to dismiss disruptive and disrespectful individuals or groups from a program.

Contract Agreement

I agree to the terms of this contract and agree that my group will abide by all Landmark Park policies.

Signature of Lead Teacher

Date

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make a reservation?

You can make reservations by filling out a reservation request form found on our website www.landmarkparkdothan.com and by emailing your Program Request and Field Trip Contract to us at education@landmarkparkdothan.com. We do suggest you call us first to make sure the date you are interested in is available.

When do I need to pay? What forms of payment do you accept?

We highly recommend you pre-pay for your visit to eliminate any delay in your field trip activities on the day of your trip. However, final payment is due one week before your program date. Remember additional parents/chaperones beyond those that we allot for free will need to pay at the gate on the day of the trip. Each school gets 1 free adult per 10 students, and your number of free adults is indicated on your invoice.

What about lunch?

You may bring lunches from school or home. There are picnic tables near the playground, at the concessions area, at the drug store, and in the woods near the gift shop. We do ask that all trash be put in the trash cans prior to leaving the area.

Where do we park? Do we have to pay for parking?

All vehicles will enter the park and stop at the gatehouse to either pay individually unless your admission has already been paid by the school. All field trip parking will be in the grass parking lot next to the Martin Drugstore unless other arrangements are made. There is no separate fee for parking.

What about my students who are members of the park?

Students whose families are members of the park are still required to pay the student fee for any educational program. Attending parents and chaperones may use their park memberships for admission.

Can I do a self-led field trip with my class as a teacher?

Yes, you can take your students to the park and lead your own trip. Make a reservation prior to arrival to ensure the areas you want to use are available and not already booked. The Park is sometimes visited by different school groups on the same day.