



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The Barnacle Historic State Park
3485 Main Highway
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

Rick Scott
Governor

Jennifer Carroll
Lt. Governor

Herschel T. Vinyard, Jr.
Secretary

Dear Educator:

Thank you for your interest in The Barnacle Historic State Park. We're delighted that you want to bring your class to The Barnacle and we want to make sure that your trip goes smoothly. Please call the park office at 305-442-6866 to book a date at least two weeks prior to your tour. The Barnacle hosts school field trips on Wednesday and Thursday by reservation.

Complete the reservation form and write a fee waiver letter. The fee waiver letter should be written on school letterhead and state that you are conducting an educational trip and request that the park admission fee be waived. Please note on the application if there are any special needs so that assistance will be available upon your arrival. Prior to your visit, please fax the reservation form and letter to 305-442-6872 or mail them to The Barnacle Historic State Park, 3485 Main Highway, Coconut Grove, Florida 33133.

You'll want to discuss The Barnacle with your class before their visit. You may even want to visit the park on your own beforehand. The Park is open to the public on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday with guided tours of the House and Boathouse at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 1 and 2:30 p.m. Your class will have a better experience and understanding of The Barnacle's place in Miami history if they have some background before arriving.

If the group is arriving early or late, please notify the park as soon as possible as a park staff member will meet your group at the front gate. If there is no staff member at the gate, follow the instructions on the call box at the driveway gate. Once the group enters the park, the gates will be locked. If someone must leave the park, a staff member will escort you out.

Groups of up to 30 students get a tour of the hammock, House, and Boathouse. To save time, please have your class divided into groups of ten with two chaperones assigned to each group. Color-coded nametags are an excellent way to organize the students as well as help guides and chaperones make the tour more personal. Groups with 31-60 students get a tour of the hammock, Boathouse, and interpretation of the House. Due to room sizes groups of this size will not have access to the interior of the House.

"More Protection, Less Process"
www.dep.state.fl.us

There must be two chaperones with each group of ten students. Please make sure that everyone (including chaperones) understand that the House is a museum and artifacts and furnishings should not be touched, plus the group must stay with the guide at all times.

Your group may enjoy a picnic in the Park, but what you carry in must be carried out as we are not equipped with commercial trash disposal facilities. There is no on-site parking available and you will want to advise your group to dress appropriately for the weather and walking.

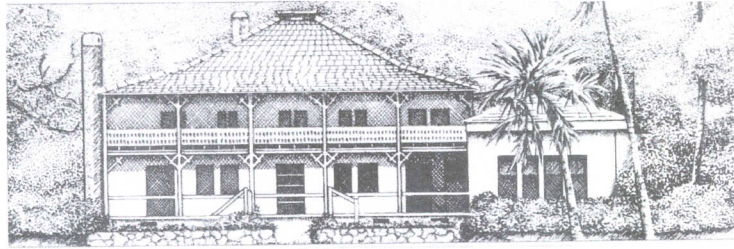
If your plans change, please call the park as soon as possible so another class may take advantage of the opportunity to visit The Barnacle. If you have other questions, please call us at 305-442-6866 or visit our website www.FloridaStateParks.org/TheBarnacle. We look forward to your visit.

Sincerely,



Katrina A. Boler
Park Manager

Enclosure



**The Barnacle Historic State Park
School Field Trip Reservation**

Requested Date of Visit: _____
Please call to confirm your reservation date.

Group Name: _____ Grade/Age _____

Address: _____

Leader/Sponsor: _____

Phone Number: _____ Ext. _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Group will Picnic in Park: yes _____ no _____

**** Group is responsible for trash collection and disposal outside of the park**

Number of Students: _____ Number of Chaperones: _____ (2 chaperones per 10 students)

House tours are available to groups of 30 students or less.

Grounds tours only are available to groups of 31 – 60 students.

Leader/Sponsor will participate in giving tour: yes _____ no _____

Fee Waiver? yes _____ no _____ All requests for fee waiver must be written on School Letterhead and contain the language: "The (name of group) requests a waiver of Park fees for the purpose of an educational field trip on (date of trip)."

The park accepts donations to The Barnacle Society, its citizen support organization.

Send reservation and fee waiver letter to: The Barnacle Historic State Park
3485 Main Highway
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133
Or fax to: 305-442-6872

www.FloridaStateParks.org/TheBarnacle