

# Rocky Mountain National Park Field Trip Expectations

These expectations are for all visitors of the park ~ please make sure your students and chaperones are all familiar with these before your visit.

## Student Behavior Expectations

1. **Put phones away** – They need to be packed away and not taken out. Often those who do not follow this rule lose their things!
2. **Leave what you find** - Leave plants, rocks, flowers, trees, and historical artifacts where you find them. (Collecting anything is against the law in National Parks!)
3. **Use appropriate voices** - Quiet voices let nature's sound be heard. Taking turns talking lets everyone share their ideas. Speaking up when you have an idea is great!
4. **Pack it in ~ Pack it out!** - Everything that came with you in your backpack needs to go back home with you in your backpack, even your trash from lunch!
5. **Respect wildlife** - Pick up all food scraps, wrappers, crumbs and fruit peels that may have been dropped during lunch. When you see any wildlife during your trip, point it out so we can all watch it from a safe distance.
6. **Stay with the group** - No one should venture ahead of the leader or away from the group.



## Chaperone Expectations

In addition to the expectations above for students, chaperones should also be reminded of the following responsibilities.

1. **Put phones away** – If you need to take an emergency call, please step away from the group.
2. **Leave no trace** - Make sure students are staying on the trail, not picking flowers, not disturbing wildlife, and help students pick up all of the trash and scraps after lunch and snack.
3. **Keep the group safe** - Check with students to make sure they are drinking water and have enough of the right kind of layers.
4. **Keep the group on task** - Take care of any behavioral issues that come up so the rest of the group can keep enjoying their program with the ranger.
5. **Model good behavior** - Assist the ranger and students with activities, sit when the students sit, listen attentively, participate in games and activities.
6. **Keep the group together** - Accompany students to the bathroom and keep the group together.
7. **Emergencies** - All of the rangers have at least First Aid and CPR certifications as well as First Aid kits. They can also easily communicate with other groups or call for help with their radios. Let them know ASAP if something needs attention.

