



**Planning a *Mommy and Me* or Group Outing
to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center?
Please review our guidelines for a successful visit!**

What constitutes a “group”?

The American River Parkway Plan has designated this preserve as a Nature Study Area and limits group sizes to 20 or fewer people. ***We consider 10 individuals (or strollers) to be a group*** so these rules apply to groups of 10-20 individuals.

Scheduling your group visit:

- *For weekends:* Groups are welcome to use the trails and visit the Center and museum. Please note the group size of 20 or fewer.
- *For weekdays:* CALL us first to schedule your group visit: (916) 489-4918.
 - The Nature Center is often very busy with classes or camps on weekdays (from 9am to 1:30pm during the school year, and 9am to 12:30pm during summer). To avoid being asked to come back another time, please arrange to have your group come after these times on the weekdays, or anytime on the weekend.
- When you call for a weekday visit, our program scheduler can check to see if there is a weekday morning available. If no paid programs are booked, small drop-in groups are welcome to use the trails and visit the Center and museum. Entrance to the Center/museum is by donation: suggested - \$2 per adult and \$1 per child. Your donations help keep our doors open to the public!
- **Please note: Sacramento County charges \$5 to park your car within Ancil Hoffman Park (\$8 on holiday weekends).**
- If you would like to have one of our naturalists lead your group on a paid tour at Effie Yeaw Nature Center, please see our website – www.SacNatureCenter.net under Education, Group Tours. Use the link to complete the tour request form.

Safety:

Effie Yeaw Nature Center’s preserve is 88-acres of woods, trails and access to the American River. It is a great place to bring your kids and your family any time of the year. The safety of visitors is our primary concern and we encourage you to abide by the following guidelines:

- Rattlesnakes can be found throughout the Nature Center grounds and the preserve during warmer months. If you see a snake, give it plenty of room to escape. Never approach a coiled rattlesnake.
- Please check the “Childrens’ Playscape” area and the Maidu Village for snakes or other hazards before children roam.
- Please make sure your entire group stays on the trails – this is for the safety of your participants and also to protect the fragile habitat and the animals that live here.
- No children may wade or swim in the river without a lifejacket on. This is a Sacramento County regulation.

Thank you for choosing Effie Yeaw Nature Center as your destination for introducing and teaching your family and friends about nature. We hope the above guidelines will be helpful in making your outing a success.