



MORRELL SANCTUARY SOCIETY

For Environmental Education

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Morrell Sanctuary Group Visit Guidelines

Welcome to Morrell Nature Sanctuary! **As a non-profit privately managed park, our primary mission is to preserve and protect our natural environment as a valued resource for teaching, inspiration, and enjoyment.** Our Sanctuary regularly hosts prearranged guided educational tours, in addition to being open to the public. In the interest of providing a safe and enjoyable visit for you and your fellow visitors, please adhere to the following guidelines.

Definition of a Group

A "group" is defined as: ***a gathering of 10 or more individuals visiting the Sanctuary together for any purpose.*** This includes hiking groups, walking groups, family groups, and any other private gathering.

How To Schedule A Group Visit:

The best way to schedule and notify us of a group visit is to email us at info@morrellnaturesanctuary.ca

Please include:

- *Name*
- *Date and time of visit*
- *Number of visitors in group*
- *Accessibility requirements*

Recommended Donation: The nature sanctuary is made possible by the work of volunteers, membership fees, and donations. For groups larger than 10 individuals, we politely recommend a donation of \$65 to Morrell Sanctuary Society for Environmental Education. Donations can be made in person in our office or online at <https://www.morrellnaturesanctuary.ca/>

Guidelines for Group Visits

- **Priority for Pre-Arranged Programs:** Our scheduled and paid school programs have priority access to amenities and facilities. Scheduling your visit in advance helps us avoid conflicts and ensures a meaningful experience for your group.
- **Parking:** Groups are required to park in the overflow lot at Nanaimo Lakes Road to avoid congestion in the parking area.
- **Dogs Must Be on Leash:** All dogs must be on leash at Morrell Nature Sanctuary at all times. Please clean up after your dogs.
- **Respect and Courtesy:** All visitors are expected to exercise common sense and courtesy. This includes respecting fellow visitors, park regulations, and sensitive habitats. Please stay on the trails! Our amenities, such as benches and learning circles, are often used by our scheduled educational programs, so please plan accordingly.
- **Accessibility Requirements:** If you are visiting with vulnerable individuals — such as children with allergies, or those with special needs — please schedule a guided tour, or ensure that you can care for your visitors on your own.
- **Consider A Guided Tour:** We offer guided tours, led by experienced nature interpreters who will reveal the interconnected harmony of Forest Ecology, helping to deepen your appreciation for our shared natural spaces. You can schedule by contacting our office, for up to 15 individuals, with a suggested donation of \$65 per group.

Thank you!

We look forward to hosting your group at Morrell Nature Sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us protect and steward this beautiful temperate rainforest.