

GETTYSBURG

MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER

POLICIES FOR STUDENT GROUPS

(Please note that we reserve the right to refuse entry to those who fail to comply with these policies.)

THIS IS THE PLACE where 51,000 Americans became casualties as they fought for their beliefs, displaying amazing acts of strength and bravery. **THIS IS THE PLACE** where your group can walk in the footsteps of these courageous soldiers and leaders and come to understand Gettysburg's important place in our nation's heritage. We ask that your group **RESPECT THIS HALLOWED GROUND** by observing the following:

1. Please **disembark** from your bus **ONLY** when instructed by a member of the Gettysburg Foundation's Visitor Services staff.
2. Our **chaperone-to-student ratio is 1:7**, meaning that one chaperone is required for every seven students. It is vital that chaperones/teachers **remain with their students/children at ALL times**. No students will be admitted to any venue without his or her accompanying chaperone. Chaperones are responsible for maintaining orderly and respectful behavior.
3. Please **show courtesy and respect** for other people and the importance of this battlefield.
Specifically:
 - Speak quietly even in large, open areas.
 - Do not talk during films or presentations
 - Do not run, jump or behave loudly
 - Do not be a distraction to fellow visitors/groups
 - Do not touch or climb on displays or exhibits; use interactives only as intended
 - Do not take more brochures than are needed, and please allow only chaperones/teachers to select brochures.
4. Leave backpacks on your bus. **Backpacks are not permitted** in the Museum and Visitor Center.
5. **Food, drinks, and chewing gum are not permitted** in the Museum or in the film theaters or the Cyclorama gallery.
6. **Flash photography and laser pointers are not permitted** in the Museum or in the film theaters or the Cyclorama gallery. Flash photography has a detrimental effect on the artifacts over time.
7. Please **assemble your group** at the theater entrance **at least 10 minutes before** your scheduled Cyclorama and Film show time. We cannot accommodate late arrivals.
8. Please **know the breakdown and number in your group** and have one chaperone identify your group members when you check in. Please remain together and proceed quietly, as instructed by the Visitor Services staff.
9. If your group is expected to take notes, be sure they have the proper materials. **Students are not to lean on or use walls and display cabinets as desktops.**



Welcome to the new Gettysburg Experience.

ATTENTION: NEW LOADING AND UNLOADING LANES FOR 2010

To help you with your visit, we have included information to help you **upon arrival**.
Please share this information with tour leaders and bus drivers.

Note: The Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center is located at **1195 Baltimore Pike**.
(Use the Baltimore Street exit off of Route 15.)
After entering off Baltimore Pike, you will arrive at an **intersection**.

For groups visiting April 1 through May 31, 2010, please note the following:

Groups who have scheduled a Licensed Battlefield Guide as their first timed event should **TURN LEFT** at the intersection, into the Bus/RV parking lot. A Visitor Services representative will meet you there and connect you with your Licensed Battlefield Guide. (For your convenience, restrooms and vending machines are located at the bus drivers' lounge in the Bus/RV parking lot.)

However, these groups arriving more than 30 minutes early and wanting to use the extra time to quickly visit the Museum Bookstore and Gift Shop should **TURN RIGHT** at the intersection and follow the **bus drop-off lane** to the front of the building. Your group will unload in front of the group entrance. (Tickets for the Museum, or the Cyclorama, Film and Museum Experience can be purchased at the group entrance.) Please plan to reassemble your group in time to make the 10-minute walk to the Bus/RV parking lot where a Visitor Services representative will connect you with your bus and Licensed Battlefield Guide.

For all other scheduled visits, please note the following:

TURN RIGHT at the intersection and proceed to the **bus drop-off lane**.
A Visitor Services representative will help direct you.

If you are running late, it is very important that you contact our reservation department at **717-339-2124**.
Please note that late arrivals may cause Licensed Battlefield Guide tours, if applicable, to be forfeited,
and we are not able to offer refunds.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our ticketing and reservations department at 877-874-2478 or via email at reservations@gettysburgfoundation.org

****Please Note:** All visitors to the Eisenhower National Historic Site depart from the park Visitor Center by shuttle bus.**
Members of the public are prohibited from bringing outside food into the building.



The Gettysburg Foundation is the exclusive ticketing and reservations agent for
the Gettysburg National Military Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site.



Baltimore Pike (Route 97)
Main Entrance

Group Picnic Area



Bus Drivers Lounge

Loading Lane



Family Picnic Area

Unloading Lane

Tour Bus Ramp



Museum and Visitor Center Site Map

Visitor Center

Ranger Program Site 3

Ranger Program Site 1

Ranger Program Site 2



Trail to Soldiers National Cemetery & Meade's Headquarters



Taneytown Road (Route 134)

Exit

LEGEND

- Parking with Lot Identification
- Information
- Ranger Classrooms
- Roads
- Walking Paths



GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER

BUS DRIVER INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions will be given to each bus driver bringing a group into the facility.

We have put together the following instructions to make your visit convenient:

- Please proceed to the **bus parking lot** after riders have unloaded.
- Please **DO NOT** leave your bus unattended while in the loading/unloading lanes.
- Please do not arrive at the pick-up area until the **entire** group is ready to board. Early arrivals will be directed to the bus parking lot until the group is ready.
- Please have a means to communicate with your group. Vibrating pagers are available if needed.
- Restrooms and a comfort lounge are available at the bus parking lot.
- Free admission to the Cyclorama, Film and Museum Experience is available for you.
- For any additional needs, please see parking attendants.