VISITING SAFE – THE GROVE

The Grove Interpretative Center will open to the public starting August 11, with a number of provisions to protect the safety of our customers, employees and our community.

We believe the Glenview Park District’s museums can open safely with adequate physical distancing while providing individuals with an opportunity to appreciate nature and history and to promote mental well-being. Safety is our number one priority and we have a plan in place allowing patrons to visit with as little contact as possible while adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. (Last Updated July 27, 2020)

HOW THE EXPERIENCE IS CHANGED

Visitor Limitations
The Grove Interpretative Center will be limited to 25% occupancy. Visitors will only have access to the main exhibit hall, science classroom, restrooms and gift shop. While the animal displays and other exhibits are available for viewing, no hands-on contact will be permitted. In other words, visitors cannot touch the animals or artifacts. Trash and recycling containers will be limited, so please plan to take your trash with you.

Arrival
Access to the center will be through the front entrance. Patrons may arrive at any time during the posted public hours and will be asked to sign in and out of the building each time they enter. If the building reaches 25% capacity, patrons will be asked to wait outside at safe intervals.

Operations
The Interpretative Center will be open to the public 10 AM to 3 PM Tuesday through Sunday. The building will remain closed on Mondays. The Grove grounds and trail system remains open from dawn to dusk every day. We require patrons to follow physical distancing guidelines and wear masks when distancing is not possible. The restrooms at the Redfield Carriage House are open to the public from 9 AM-4 PM daily.

Historic Kennicott House – Open August 29
We will be offering guided tours of the Kennicott House and other historic structures on weekends only beginning August 29. Advance registration is required at the Interpretative Center desk. Specific tour dates and times will be posted at the Interpretative Center front desk and online.
HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP IT SAFE

Don’t visit if you’re sick
If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, have a fever, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19: stay home and protect other visitors and staff.

Maintain space
Maintain at least 6 feet from anyone not in your household. Face coverings are required inside the building and other marked areas. They are also encouraged while outside on the grounds. Please handle your own personal items and limit contact with high touch surfaces.

Bring your own hand sanitizer
Help keep your family and other patrons safe and sanitize your hands frequently.

Be a Good Citizen
With everyone following the guidelines and rules set forth, we are able to provide a safe and fun experience. If patrons do not observe these rules, the museums may close or further restrict access to all visitors.

HOW WE ARE KEEPING YOU SAFE

Minimum Basic Operations
We are limiting staff contact by maintaining only minimum basic operations. Staff are required to stay home if they are ill or in contact with someone who is ill. Additionally, we’re avoiding close contact whenever possible. Please understand our staff are providing the best experience possible given limitations.

Extra Enforcement of Hygiene
Staff are upping their hand washing and frequently disinfecting common touch points.

Sanitizing Stations Available
There will be hand sanitizing stations available at high touch areas when you enter The Grove’s Interpretative Center.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES

We care about your health. The COVID-19 pandemic is very serious. Please be respectful of staff and fellow patrons at all times. Failure to follow staff directives and the guidelines set forth will result in suspension of your facility privileges until further notice.

The Park District may change and update guidelines and restrictions at any time given the fluid nature of the pandemic and as new regulations are implemented or new guidance is developed.