

Fallingwater

Student Group Visit Guide

"...it made it look like the fireplace was made by nature. The house was amazing, unique, and a work of art."

Ciera, 8th grade student

2012 Season



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Before Your Visit

Thank you!

Thank you for choosing Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater for your field trip. We're looking forward to your visit and hope that you have a great time.

Please read this guide

Please read the information in this guide carefully as it will answer many questions about your visit. If you still have questions or need additional information after you read the guide please call Visitor Services at 724-329-8501, email us at fallingwater@paconserve.org or visit our website at www.fallingwater.org/visit.

Review your confirmation.

Carefully review your confirmation to make sure that all of the information is correct including the type of tour, interactive program, date and time of your visit. Once you verify that all the information is correct, please read the "Student Group Terms and Conditions" and sign the "Acceptance" form and return it via mail, fax or email.

Deposit and Payment

A deposit equal to the cost of ten (10) tickets is required four (4) weeks in advance to guarantee your tour. Final count is due by 3:30 pm the day

before your visit with final payment due upon arrival. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, checks and cash (for final payments). Checks should be made payable to Fallingwater and mailed to P. O.. Box R, Mill Run, PA 15464.

Directions and Travel Time

Directions are available on our website or on the enclosed form. We suggest using our directions when planning your trip. Use caution if you are using online mapping systems as these often place you on secondary and unpaved roads when providing directions to Fallingwater.

Allow adequate time in your schedule to arrive at Fallingwater 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tour time. Remember that the roads leading to Fallingwater are two-lane highways with many hills and curves. You may even want to allow 10 to 15 minutes extra in your travel time.

Allow enough time

Plan at least two hours on site for your visit. This will allow your group plenty of time to walk the grounds, visit the Museum Store, stop by the Café, and enjoy the current exhibit at the Visitors Center.

Before Your Visit

Make lunch plans

The Café at Fallingwater offers a variety of options for your group to enjoy lunch with us. Brown bag lunches are welcome by previous arrangement. Please see the "Dining Options" section of this guide for additional information.

Carry in/Carry out

We are a carry in/carry out facility. We only provide trash cans in areas where we generate trash. You may wish to bring along a few trash bags if your students will be eating on the bus while traveling to Fallingwater or having brown bag lunches while you're with us.

Changes and Cancellations

Please contact us as soon as possible if you find you must change the date and/or time of your visit. This will ensure that we are able to accommodate your needs. Deposits will be refunded in full for cancellations that are received with at least ten (10) days notice. Once final payment and count are received there will be no refund under any circumstances unless the tour is cancelled by Fallingwater. If severe weather conditions are expected, we recommend calling before you make the trip to make sure we will be open. Late opening and

early closing information will also be available at www.fallingwater.org.

Special Needs

If you have any students that require special assistance, please let us know in advance. We offer a variety of accommodations for visitors with special needs. In particular, please note that only the first floor of the Fallingwater is wheelchair accessible. A video of the upper floors is available for those that are unable to complete the tour.

Additional information

Additional information about student visits is available in the Group Information section at our website at www.fallingwater.org/visit. There you will find more detailed information and downloadable and printable versions of our guidelines.



Upon Arrival

Entering Fallingwater

As you enter the driveway at Fallingwater, be prepared to stop at the gatehouse. The representative will verify your count, collect your final payment, provide your ticket and give directions to the parking lot.



Unloading the bus

Once you leave the gatehouse the bus should follow the directions provided to parking lot #1 and stop in front of the pathway leading to the Visitors Center. One of our Visitor Services Representatives will board the bus, greet the students, and spend a few minutes preparing your students for their tour. They will share information about Fallingwater, the Visitors Center, your tour times, museum guidelines, and some tips for a great day. You will be asked to divide your students into smaller groups of no more than 14 for the tour. You should do this as the students get off the bus and prepare to enter the Visitors Center. If there are any students in your group that will need shuttle service to the house you should let the representative know at this time.

Restrooms

Please note: The only restrooms on the property are located in the Visitors Center. There are no restrooms available at the house. Please be sure students use the restroom before the tour.

Visitors Center

Your students should wait in the Visitors Center until it is time for the tour to begin. Besides the restrooms, you will find the Museum Store, Café, and exhibition area. Students may visit any of these areas while they are waiting to be called for their tours.

Starting your tours

An announcement will be made in the Visitors Center when it is time for your tours to begin. When chaperones hear the announcement for their tour they should gather their students at the top of the boardwalk ramp. At this time they will be given directions to the house where their guide will greet them to start the tour.

Parking

Once the bus has finished unloading, the driver should proceed to the Bus/RV parking area. While on site, we ask that you turn off the engine. The bus may pull back to the Visitors Center pathway when it is time for your group to board for departure.

Guidelines for Your Visit

Prepare your students

The following guidelines will assist you in preparing your students for their visit.

Have students travel lightly— large bags and backpacks won't be allowed in Fallingwater.

Be prepared for the weather—a portion of the experience is outside so students should be prepared for rain, cold, or heat.

If it's raining— leave your umbrellas on the bus. We provide umbrellas for use on the site.

It is a 1/4 mile walk from the Visitors Center to the house— if you have any students with mobility issues please let us know. We offer van service to the house.

Turn off all electronic devices— please ask students not to bring MP3 players, iPods, etc. on the tour. Students will be asked to turn off cell phones.

Let your guide know what you've been studying— Also let them know what topics you may want them to focus on. Encourage your students to ask questions. Our guides enjoy the interaction and it makes the tour more fun for the students if they get involved!

Museum manners

Remind students that Fallingwater and its landscape must be respected so that visitors can enjoy it today and in the future. Even the youngest students will act responsibly if they understand the house and its collections belong to every visitor. Please discuss the following with your students before arrival.

- Touch only with your eyes unless invited to touch something by the tour guide.
- Sitting on the furniture isn't permitted.
- Stay with your tour guide.
- Walk, do not run, throughout the site.
- Be courteous of other visitors.
- Food, drinks and gum aren't permitted inside Fallingwater.
- Use inside voices at all times even in the Visitors Center.
- You are welcome to take exterior photographs before and after the tour but not during the tour itself.

Guidelines for Your Visit

Teachers and Group Leaders

To make the most of your field trip to Fallingwater you may find these tips useful.

Provide enough chaperones— plan to have at least 1 adult for every 13 students.

Extend the learning experience— use one of our pre- or post- visit resources available on our website.

Provide each student with a name-tag— if possible provide each student (especially for younger students) with a name tag. It allows us to make the students feel more welcome.

Make every effort to arrive on time— it allows us to provide you the best possible experience while visiting.

Have a pre-trip meeting with chaperones— share the school's guidelines, as well as Fallingwater's guidelines for field trips.

Try to build a constructive release of energy— plan for students to release the energy they've built up during the bus ride before they begin the tour.

Ultimate responsibility— please remember that the ultimate responsibility for your students is with you and the other chaperones.

Chaperones

We rely on chaperones to make your visit safe and pleasant. Please share the following with chaperones before the tour.

Count your group— be sure you know how many students are to be with you.

Keep students together at all times— it is your duty to stay with your group of students and keep them together at all times. This includes walking around the grounds and while in the Visitors Center.

Remind students of museum manners— this ensures that all visitors have a good experience.

Identify yourself to the guide— there are times the guides can't tell the chaperones from the students. Please identify yourself to the guide before the tour begins.

The tour is for the students— you are here to help them enjoy it. Encourage students to ask questions but don't answer questions intended for them; provide hints instead.

Provide assistance to the guide— provide assistance if the guide should ask. Also help your group follow any directions the guide may give.

Enjoy your visit— thank you for volunteering and enjoy your visit!

Workshops

Interactive Workshops

Enhance the experience of your students' visit with one of our workshops that address academic standards in different subject areas enabling students to gain a much greater understanding of Fallingwater. Workshops are offered on site. Examples of our workshops are listed below with a complete listing on our website at www.fallingwater.org/learn. For more information or to schedule a workshop contact Amy Kifer, School Programs Coordinator, at 724-329-7829 or akifer@paconserve.org



"...enjoyed building the cantilevers...amazing how strong you can make such flimsy pieces of paper."
Keli, 8th grade student

Holding up Fallingwater

Grades 7-8

From simple beams to cantilevers, Fallingwater is the perfect place to explore structural principles. Students experiment with basic structural elements to understand how form and material influence strength before designing their own cantilever. The workshop culminates as students test their cantilevers designs for structural stability, while discussing the strengths and weaknesses of each design. Science (PA 3.2,3.6.C)

The Art of Design

High School

What inspired Frank Lloyd Wright? Explore some of the concepts behind the architecture of Fallingwater. Students will work together to design an observation platform that incorporates these themes with their own ideas. The class will discuss how design philosophies are evident in the models the students build. Art and Humanities (PA 9.1, 9.4A)

Terrace Tabulations

Grades 5-6

Explore the many terraces at Fallingwater. First, experiment in the classroom to learn about measurement and scaled architectural drawings. Then jump onto Fallingwater's terraces, estimating and measuring areas and perimeters using floor plans. Figure out fun ways to calculate Fallingwater facts! Math (PA 2.2, 2.3)

Additional costs per student apply. Ten student minimum for any workshop.

Educational Resources

Lectures

Your group may enjoy one of our Curator's Choice lectures to provide additional insight into Fallingwater. Approximately 45 minutes in length, these talks are led by a member of the senior staff and geared to an adult audience although they are suitable for high school and college students. Choose from:

The Art of Fallingwater—Spend time viewing the Kaufmann family's collection of art in the context of Fallingwater. This lecture covers many portions of the collection including

works by Rivera, Picasso, Hiroshige and Audubon as part of this art collection retrospective.

Why Fallingwater Isn't Falling Down— Explore the process of discovering and evaluating the structural issues at Fallingwater and creative ways of remediating them without compromising the historic significance of the structure or site.

Contact Amy Kifer, School Programs Coordinator at 724-329-7829 or akifer@paconserve.org for more details or to book a lecture.



Educational Resources

Prior to your visit

Your group may enjoy some background information on Fallingwater before they visit. We offer a wide variety of DVD's, VHS tapes, and books that provide excellent information about Fallingwater and Frank Lloyd Wright. Many of these are available for you to borrow and then

return when you arrive for your visit. A few of the more popular items are listed below. A complete listing of educational resources is available on our website; visit www.fallingwater.org and click "Learn". You can also purchase these items through our museum store to add to your personal collection.



A Conversation with Edgar J. Kaufmann, jr

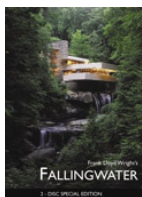
An in-depth look at Fallingwater's design, its importance as the greatest American house of the 20th century and the role it played in the Kaufmann family's life. Based on extended interviews with Fallingwater patron and noted Wright scholar Edgar J. Kaufmann, jr. DVD 56 min.



The House on the Waterfall*

Basic history of the design and construction of Fallingwater. Includes home movie footage of the Kaufmann family at Fallingwater, its construction, and interviews with three of Wright's apprentices and the late Edgar J. Kaufmann, jr. VHS 30 min.

*available for loan only



Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater

Video and images of Fallingwater, extended interviews with scholars, slide show, and interactive virtual tours of the house and landscape. Includes high resolution viewing of original drawings. DVD 60 min.

To borrow one of these or any of our educational resources for use by your group, please contact Visitor Services at 724-329-8501 or fallingwater@paconserve.org. Materials will be shipped so that you receive them approximately two weeks prior to your visit.

Museum Store

The Museum Store

If permitted, we encourage you to allow the students to visit our Museum Store and browse our selection of books, hand-crafted pottery and jewelry, Frank Lloyd Wright and Fallingwater items, and toys and games relating to architecture and nature. There are many items available that your students will enjoy purchasing as a reminder of their field trip to Fallingwater.

Our Museum Store is small so we ask that you allow the students to enter the store one group at a time. Chaperones must accompany students while they visit the store.

School Group Purchase Program

The Museum Store is proud to offer a pre-order school group purchase program. The program allows pre-ordering items at discounts up to 50% off retail prices. The items are paid for in advance and then are bagged and waiting for you to pick-up at the Museum Store on the day of your visit. Examples of some of the items featured in this program are listed below. A complete list and order form along with additional details about the program are available on our website under the Group Information section at www.fallingwater.org/119 or by calling Brad Long at 724-329-7807.

Examples of items featured in our school group purchase program

ITEM	RETAIL	SCHOOL PROGRAM
Fallingwater 1000 pc Puzzle	\$ 18.95	\$9.50
Black & White Poster	15.95	5.00
Postcards	.70	.30
Reusable Tote Bag	1.50	1.00
Booklet New Edition	9.95	4.00
Fallingwater T-shirt	19.95	10.00

Orders and payment must be received at least one week in advance. 6% sales tax applies to all purchases unless you provide a tax exempt certificate.



Group Dining Options

Lunches

The Café at Fallingwater offers several dining options for your student group. Choose one of our School Group lunches, the Traveler’s Lunch bags to go, our voucher program, or have your students go through the line on their own. Whichever you choose, your students will be sure to enjoy the delicious offerings prepared by our own chef in our on-site kitchen. We use the best in local organic meats and produce to provide a menu of seasonal favorites.

Drinks and Snacks

The café also offers fountain sodas, bottled water, souvenir sport bottles, chips, pretzels, cookies, trail mix and candy bars.

Brown Bag Lunches

Fallingwater doesn’t have a picnic area on site; however, there are picnic areas at the Bear Run Nature Reserve or Ohiopyle State Park. Limited space is available for students to eat brown bag lunches at Fallingwater with prior arrangements through Amy Kifer, School Programs Coordinator, at 724-329-7829 or akifer@paconserve.org.

Reservations and More Information

Additional details on group dining options and reservations for group meals may be made by contacting Edna King at 724-329-7842 or eking@paconserve.org. You may also visit the Group Information section our website at www.fallingwater.org/119.

School Group Lunch Option #1

\$5/person

Turkey or Ham sandwich; bag of chips or pretzels; fresh fruit; choice of 16 oz fountain soda—Pepsi products.

School Group Lunch Option #2

\$9/ person

Grilled chicken on freshly baked roll; fresh fruit; bag of chips or pretzels; pack of house-made cookies; choice of 16 oz fountain soda—Pepsi products.

Traveler’s Lunch Bag

\$15/person

Perfect if your group needs to eat on the go or wants to enjoy the picnic area at nearby Bear Run Nature Reserve or Ohiopyle State Park. Each lunch is packed individually and includes utensils, napkin, a delicious sandwich, salad, dessert, beverage and condiments.

Payment for group meals is due two weeks prior to your scheduled visit. Final count and guarantee required two (2) days in advance. 6% sales tax and 18% gratuity not included. If your group is tax-exempt please provide a certificate.

Enjoy your visit to Fallingwater

Group Visit Checklist

Complete these steps to ensure you have a great visit.

Before You Arrive

- Confirm your visit by returning a signed copy of the Agreement along with your deposit by the due date.
- Call by 3:30 pm the day before your visit with an updated count.
- Count the number of people in your group, both students and adults. You will need to provide this count when you arrive at the gatehouse.
- Be sure your students are prepared for the weather.
- Review your visit schedule with the students including lunch time if you’re eating with us and departure time.
- Review museum guidelines with your chaperones.

Upon Arrival

- Stop at the gatehouse to confirm group count, make final payment and pick-up your ticket.
- Proceed to parking lot #1 where one of our Visitor Services Representatives will greet you.
- Divide your students into smaller groups of 14 and let us know if anyone will need shuttle service.
- If you’re eating with us go to the café and check-in.
- Be sure everyone knows what time the bus will be departing.

Enjoy your visit!

For group leader		
# of students _____	# of adults _____	# TOTAL _____