

Risk Assessment:

Field Trips to Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center
Townsend, Tennessee



There are no unusual risks involved in a visit to the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center.

Upon arrival, students unload at our front door, located on a loop created solely for the loading and unloading of passengers. Inside the Heritage Center, all exhibits, classrooms, and restrooms are easily accessible and safe.

All indoor exhibits and public restrooms are located on the first floor of the building. Occasionally, students will ride the elevator or ascend one flight of stairs to visit our classrooms.

Our Historic Village is a group of cabins, barns, and other historic structures which are essentially outdoor classrooms. Students walk across a small wooden bridge and follow a gravel path to explore these buildings. Students are permitted to touch items in the cabins (i.e. sit on the beds, sit on the chairs, open the cupboards, etc.) For the safety of our patrons, locked barriers have been put in place to prevent access to the staircases in each of the two cabins.

The entire main building and the outdoor amphitheater are accessible by wheelchair, and the gravel pathways in the Historic Village have been specifically designed for ADA compliance.

In accordance with Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

Questions: Please contact the Curator of Education (865) 448-0044.