

Mount St Helens Visitor Center Field Trip Example Schedule:

This template provides possible activity-rotations when scheduling a field trip to the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. Most schools visit for 1.5-2 hours to provide the full experience. **Activities include:**

- Arrival- bathrooms, greeting and museum etiquette outside in plaza (provided by teacher or park staff)
- group ranger talk
- walking the 0.6-mile outdoor wetland haven trail + chosen assignment
- exploring the indoor exhibits and movie + chosen assignment
- Departure- bathrooms, final check for left items, back on the buses

*Only 1 assignment is required to earn a fee waiver. You can choose between an indoor or outdoor assignment.

We recommend scheduling the ranger talk upon arrival or just before departure as this is convenient for off-boarding/on-boarding the buses. We provide group ranger talks, with outdoor and indoor seating for up to 60. For group sizes larger than this, we can generally accommodate multiple ranger talks during a single visit.

| 20-minute activity block #1- Group Ranger Talk | | | | |
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| Theme: 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption | | | | |
| *For alternate program requests please contact park staff | | | | |
| Class or Group Designation | 40-minute activity block #2 | 5–10-minute transition | 40-minute activity block #3 | Departure |
| A | Indoor Exhibits and Movie (plays on the :05 + :35) *chosen assignment | Switch activities, indoor vs. outdoor | Outdoor Wetland Haven Trail (0.6-mile) *chosen assignment | Gather at the front of the Visitor Center *walk-through to ensure no lost items |
| B | Indoor Exhibits and Movie (plays on the :05 + :35) *chosen assignment | Switch activities, indoor vs. outdoor | Outdoor Wetland Haven Trail (0.6-mile) *chosen assignment | Gather at the front of the Visitor Center *walk-through to ensure no lost items |
| C | Outdoor Wetland Haven Trail (0.6-mile) *chosen assignment | Switch activities, indoor vs. outdoor | Indoor Exhibits and Movie (plays on the :05 + :35) *chosen assignment | Gather at the front of the Visitor Center *walk-through to ensure no lost items |

Assignments: To receive a fee waiver, students are required to complete an assignment during their visit. Optional assignments are found on the Visitor Center website. We have Indoor educational materials + Outdoor educational materials (Landscapes of Change curriculum). [Mount St Helens Visitor Center | Washington State Parks](http://www.mshelens.com)

Seaquest State Park: Across the road are picnic tables. School buses are exempt from the Discover Pass. Personal vehicles will need to display a Discover Pass. Please notify park staff if you plan to lunch at Seaquest.