

# Plan a Sandburg Home NHS Homeschool Visit

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Carl Sandburg Home  
National Historic Site



- Reservations are recommended for groups with a minimum of 10 persons and a maximum of 60 persons per visit. Groups will be split into rotations of 15 persons each.
- Reservations may only be made Monday – Friday. Weekend visits are subject to first come first serve policy. Please call ahead if you are planning a weekend visit.
- Please submit the request form at least three weeks before your visit. Spring and Fall season reservations can fill 6-8 weeks in advance, so plan early.
- There is a \$5.00 charge for house tours for adults. \$3.00 for adults over age 62 and free for youth 15 and younger. Fee waivers for house tour may be granted for your group if we receive a waiver request. Instructions are on the third page.



## Things to do at Carl Sandburg Home NHS

### House Tour

Explore the home where Carl Sandburg and his family lived for 22 years! Youngsters 2 and under will need to be carried through the house.

**Please remember tours are limited to 15 persons (no exceptions).**

### Visiting the Barn

Tour Connemara Farm and learn about what it was like raising goats with the Sandburg family!

### Video and Bookstore

Watch the park's 12-minute education film, *Where to? What next?* This film inspires youth to share their story in their own words. Then visit the park bookstore where you will find a variety of educational materials about Carl Sandburg, the natural environment, and literature for young people. Items priced from .49 cents and up.

### Discovery Kits and Hiking

Discovery Kits are filled with easy self-led activities to make your hike fun and educational. Activities contain easy to follow instructions for any group leader to use! Students will have the chance to use binoculars, magnifying glasses and more! There are numerous trails at Connemara, which vary in length and difficulty. Please allow time for your group to explore this beautiful setting. We encourage you to pick up a map at the park bookstore when planning your hike.

### Jr. Ranger Program

Download the program before your visit or request a free booklet when you arrive. <http://www.nps.gov/carl/forkids/beajuniorranger.htm>. The booklet is targeted at grades 3-6 though younger students can work through it with assistance. Once completed, each student will receive a Jr. Ranger badge. This is a great way for homeschool families to be involved in the education visit together. The 30-minute session will provide time to work through some of the activities.

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### Accessibility

A visit to Connemara involves a lot of walking. If you have someone in your group who will need assistance, please let us know prior to your visit, a variety of options are available to help everyone fully enjoy a visit. More accessibility information can be found on our [website](#).

# HOMESCHOOL RESERVATION FORM

Requestors Name:	Todays Date:
Group Name:	Age Range:
Address:	
Phone:	Secondary Phone:
E-mail:	

**Requested date to visit:** \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults (age 16-61): \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults (age 62 and older) \_\_\_\_\_ # of youth (15 and under) \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Time of Arrival in parking lot: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your group have any special needs (needs the shuttle from parking lot, would like to eat lunch on site, etc...) \_\_\_\_\_

**Select your requested activities below:**

Select at least as many activities as you have rotations. Example: 45 visitors will need at least 3 activities scheduled; they will be divided into 3 rotations of 15 each.

**Activities**

- House Tour (30 minutes)
- Barn visit (30 minutes)
- Video and Bookstore (30 minutes)
- Jr. Ranger Program (30 minutes)
- Hike with Discovery Kits (30 minutes)
  - Leaf Kit
  - Fungi Kit
  - Historic Landscape Kit
  - Birds Kit

**Notes:**

- Reserved tours are scheduled every 30 minutes on the quarter hour.
- To calculate how much time to plan for, add up selected activities and an additional 30 minutes for your itinerary.
- If you only have a short time you may opt for a barn and video visit only.

Sample Schedule with 3 Groups:

Group	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	House Tour Guide
<b>A</b>	Arrive in parking lot	Intro	House Tour	Video & Bookstore	Barn Tour	Jr. Ranger Program	End of rotations	Ranger
<b>B</b>	Arrive in parking lot	Intro	Video & Bookstore	Barn Tour	House Tour	Jr. Ranger Program	End of rotations	Ranger
<b>C</b>	Arrive in parking lot	Intro	Barn Tour	House Tour	Video & Bookstore	Jr. Ranger Program	End of rotations	Ranger

Fax completed forms to: Education Coordinator at (828)-693-4179

## Sample Visit Itinerary

based on sample rotation schedule above:

- I. **Arrival**
  - A. 10:00 am in main parking lot
  - B. Assign each person to a rotation (providing the itinerary to at least one person in each rotation is a good idea)
  - C. bathroom stop
  - D. walk up hill or ride 12-passenger shuttle
  
- II. **Rotations begin**
  - A. 1<sup>st</sup> rotation starts 10:15 am
  
- III. **Conclusion**
  - A. Last Rotation ends 12:15 pm
  - B. Return to busses/transportation by 12:15 pm
  
- IV. **Lunch (optional)**
  - A. carry in, carry out encouraged; limited trash services
  - B. no concessions at park
  - C. no place to store food; busses and coolers suggested
  - D. Picnic area, amphitheater or house garage only, please be careful of litter

## How to Apply for a Fee Waiver

To apply for a fee waiver you must be a qualified education or therapeutic organization. You may write a letter on your organization's letterhead. Please state the learning or therapeutic objectives of your visit. For example, *"Students will be able to name two issues which permeated Sandburg's poetry after touring the home of Carl Sandburg."* Your letter must be received and approved **before** visiting the park.

If approved, the house tour fee will be waived for any adult and youth who visit with your group. You will be notified by e-mail, mail or phone as to the approval or denial of the fee waiver and in some cases the need for more specific objectives before the fee waiver can be approved.

You may fax your fee waiver request to: (828) 693-4179

or mail it to:

Carl Sandburg Home NHS  
Attn: Fee Waiver Request  
81 Carl Sandburg Lane  
Flat Rock, NC 28731