

I Saw the Elephant...
CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Elko, Nevada

Field Trip Information

To ensure that students, teachers and chaperones are prepared for a visit to the California Trail Interpretive Center (CTIC), please review the following information prior to booking a field trip. For more information about planning a field trip and pre-visit activities, please visit our website, californiatrailcenter.org. For additional questions, please email the education specialist at education@californiatrailcenter.com or call the California Trail Interpretive Center at 775-738-1849.

Programs

Programs at the CTIC are specialized for your specific learning goals and objectives. Please allow 3-4 weeks between requesting a field trip and the actual program date. Additionally, if you have any specific needs or requirements, please inform the Education Specialist in the field trip request form or by calling the center.

Entrance Fees

School groups, teachers, and chaperones can enter the CTIC free of charge.

Chaperones

We appreciate one adult for every 10 students to ensure the quality of our programs and safety of students at the CTIC. Please break students into chaperoned groups prior to your arrival. Students are required to remain with their supervised groups for the duration of the field trip. We look to teachers and chaperones to set examples for students by staying with the group and following rules at the CTIC. To prepare chaperones, please share the learning goals of your visit, as well as the rules of the CTIC, prior to your visit.

Arrival

While the CTIC is closed to the public, we ask that you please enter through the exit gate. Please arrive on time as to not disrupt the designated programs. Upon arrival, a CTIC staff member will meet your bus and lead you into the CTIC.

Guidelines for Trail Center Etiquette

Our exhibits aim to fully immerse visitors into the California Trail experience. Throughout the facility are listening stations and audio tracks. Please be aware of the people enjoying the exhibits around you by refraining from shouting and running in the center. Please do not climb on our landforms and dioramas, touch the figures, eat or drink in the facility.

Exploring the Center

The CTIC provides students with worksheet activities to help focus their time at the facility. Please let the Education Specialist know if you plan to bring your own activity, or prefer not to have your students use the worksheet during their time at the center.

Lunch

The CTIC is able to accommodate outdoor space for brown-bag lunches. Food is not available at or around the Trail Center. Please let the Education Specialist know if you would like to bring your lunches, as to fit it into the program schedule.

Outdoors

During summer months, enjoy our Wagon Encampment and Shoshone Village and trail system. Students get the chance to experience camp life on the California Trail. Additionally, year round, students can explore our ADA compliant trail system and to-scale-map on our Plaza. Please make sure that students and chaperones are prepared for the Elko weather and stay in groups when outdoors. Please have students dress for the weather; coats, sweaters, hats and/or raincoats may be necessary on any day, at any time of the year. Safe footwear is necessary for the trails.

Accessibility

The Interpretive Center, bathrooms and trails are ADA compliant. There are curb cutouts in the entry drive in front of the visitor center. Wheel chairs are also available.

Pre-Lessons

It is important for students to have a basic understanding of the California Trail prior to visiting our facility. Resources are available at californiatrailcenter.org or call the Education Specialist for powerpoints, ideas and activities. Before your visit, please let the Education Specialist know to what degree students are informed of the California Trail.

If you have any questions please contact:

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