

Glenstone

We look forward to welcoming your school group to Glenstone! Please review the following information prior to your group's arrival. Questions and requests for further information may be directed to youth@glenstone.org.

Your Arrival

You will enter Glenstone at 12180 Glen Road in Potomac, Maryland, check in with the security guard, then park at the Environmental Center, where a Glenstone associate will welcome you and provide a brief introduction. The Environmental Center has restrooms and a water station if needed upon arrival.

The bus will park at the Environmental Center for the duration of the visit. Please instruct students to leave large bags, food, and coats (unless needed) on the bus.

Once off the bus, the students should be split into 4 smaller groups. We can host up to 40 students and require 1 school chaperone for every 10 students. These small groups must travel together throughout campus.

We require a minimum of four chaperones for each visit. Chaperones are expected to encourage student engagement and manage any disruptions throughout the visit.

Chaperone Policy

Due to the fragile nature of the works on view, all visitors must be 12 or older and all minors (ages 12–17) must be always accompanied by an adult during their Glenstone visit. This extends to any 18-year-old on a school visit.

Chaperone responsibilities include:

- Chaperones must always be with their groups and are responsible for the safety of the students, the art, and nature they visit.
- Chaperones are expected to work with our guides to encourage student engagement and manage any disruptions throughout the visit.
- Chaperones must keep their group from merging with others on the paths and in the galleries.

Our Guidelines

To help us preserve and protect the art, galleries, natural environment, and the experience of other visitors, we ask that you respect the following guidelines:

- Visitors should be prepared to spend considerable time on foot, and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Please stay on marked trails and paths. Our growing plants thank you!
- Please don't touch the art. Even outdoor sculptures that are exposed to the elements can be damaged by human contact.
- Photography is allowed any time a visitor is outdoors. Once inside the galleries, photography is not permitted.

- Glenstone visits take place rain or shine. If the heat index value is expected to exceed 105 degrees, the wind chill temperature falls below 0 degrees, or there are thunderstorms expected in the area, our Community Engagement team will reach out to the group's primary contact to reschedule your visit.

Cancellations

We want to share our unique experience with as many students as possible. **We ask for a minimum 14-day cancellation** notice if you will not be able to participate in your Glenstone visit. An early cancellation will provide another school the opportunity to visit.

Please notify of us of your wish to cancel your visit via email at youth@glenstone.org or call 240-660-5155 and ask to speak with a member of our Community Engagement team.

Our Self-Led School Program Experience

Glenstone provides opportunities for middle and high school students to learn in an environment which encourages direct connection with art, architecture, and nature. In a self-led visit, student groups explore Glenstone at their own pace and engage with our knowledgeable guide team throughout campus.

Groups are welcome to join the 1 p.m. daily Nature Walk led by members of our Grounds and Visitor Experience teams, if time permits.

Accessibility

To request any accommodations, please contact youth@glenstone.org.

At Glenstone, complimentary wheelchairs and gallery chairs available upon request, as visitors will spend considerable time on our paths.

Our paths are designed to be firm and stable with accessible grades. Trails cut through wooded areas. cover varying terrain and are intended to be experienced on foot. We recommend visitors wear comfortable and durable footwear.

Service animals as defined by the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) are welcome.

ASL interpretation services can be requested through youth@glenstone.org. To ensure availability, please submit your request for ASL interpretation services at least one week in advance of your scheduled visit.

Questions?

Contact the Community Engagement team at youth@glenstone.org or call 240-660-5155.