

Planning a *Mommy and Me* or *Group Outing* to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center?
Please review our guidelines for a successful visit!

What constitutes a 'Group'?

The *American River Parkway Plan* has designated this preserve as a Nature Study Area and limits group sizes to 20 or fewer people. We consider 5 individuals (or strollers) to be a group so these rules apply to groups of 5-20 individuals.

Scheduling your group visit:

The nature center is often very busy with classes or camps on weekdays (from 9am – 1:30pm during the school year and 9am-12:30pm in summer). To avoid being asked to come back another time, please arrange to have your group come *after* these times on the weekdays, or anytime on the weekends. You can also call our program scheduler, Kelly, (489-4918 x234 M-F, 9am-5pm) to see if there is a weekday morning available. When no paid programs are booked, small drop-in groups are welcome to use the trails and visit the museum. There is not entrance fee to the museum (*donations welcome!*) but the County charges \$5 on weekdays and \$8 on summer holiday weekends to park your car.

If you would like to have a naturalist lead your group on a paid tour at Effie Yeaw Nature Center, please go to our website (Sacnaturecenter.net) and under School and Group Programs, choose Group Tour. Use the link to fill out an on-line registration.

Safety:

Effie Yeaw Nature Center preserve is 100 acres of woods, trails and access to the American River. It is a great place to bring your kids and your family any time of the year. The safety of visitors is our primary concern and we encourage you to abide by the following guidelines:

- Rattlesnakes can be found throughout the preserve during the warmer months. If you see a snake, give it plenty of room to escape. Never approach a coiled rattlesnake.
- Please check the 'Children's PlayScape' area and Maidu village for snakes or other hazards before children roam.
- Please make sure that your entire group stays on the trails—this is for the safety of your participants and also to protect this fragile habitat and the animals that live here.
- No children may wade or swim in the river without a lifejacket on. This is a county regulation.

Thank you for choosing Effie Yeaw Nature Center as your destination for introducing and teaching your children about nature. We hope that the above guidelines will be helpful in making your outing a success.