



Large Group Guidelines

Field Trips, Group Outings, etc.

For groups larger than 20, please call ahead at least one week in advance at (336) 373-7533. We ask that you provide Group information (organization/school), group size, number of chaperones/leaders, and a primary point of contact.

On the day of your group's visit, please check in with a Park Ambassador on site. They can be reached at (336) 897-9992.

Transportation and Parking

GDPI cannot guarantee bus parking for any group. Buses can drop off groups at Center City Park and/or LeBauer Park entrances, but a plan for parking will have to be determined separately. For groups coming for lunch/recreation from a local museum or other attraction, there may be an option to keep the bus parked at the original field trip site; please see that organization's guidelines for more information concerning that possibility.

Standard vehicle parking is available in the Church Street Parking Deck, located at 215 N Church St, Greensboro, NC 27401. Street, metered parking is also available on Church St., Elm St., and Friendly Ave.

Center City and LeBauer Parks are walking distance (within one mile) from the Greensboro History Museum, the Children's Museum, the Greensboro Public Library, the International Civil Rights Museum, the Carolina Theatre, the Triad Stage, the Blandwood Mansion, the Weatherspoon Art Museum, and the University Galleries at A&T. The parks are also located just next door to Greensboro's Cultural Center, along with numerous galleries, performing and cultural arts organizations. Please review maps and directions between locations to consider walking as an option for your group.

Ratio

For groups of children under age 18, ratios must stay within a maximum of 10:1 (child:adult). Chaperones must maintain this ratio at all times and within all park spaces (i.e. the Children's Garden, the Great Lawn, etc.). Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied at all times by an adult in any area of the parks. To ensure safety, group chaperones must monitor bathrooms when in use by children. GDPI leaves it to the discretion of the group's policies and procedures on how best to monitor public restroom use.

Meals in the Park

Groups are welcome to bring a picnic meal to the park. If requested in advance, park staff can put out extra trashcans (please see the above phone number for this request). We ask that large groups keep their picnics to the following areas only (see maps on our website, greensborodowntownparks.org):

- LeBauer Park Great Lawn
- LeBauer Park Price Bryan Performance Pavilion
- LeBauer Park South Lawn
- LeBauer Park sidewalk seating
- Center City Park Great Lawn
- Center City Park Oval Lawn and Pavilion

We ask that large groups avoid taking meals in the LeBauer Park Children's Garden and LeBauer Park Market Square (the space between the two onsite kiosks). Additionally, programs/events taking place in any park space take priority, and groups will be asked to move to another location in the case of the space having already been reserved for a program/event. Please feel free to call ahead to determine availability of any park space.

Groups are responsible for cleaning up after themselves in all park spaces.

GDPI reserves the right to issue fines and/or institute a ban on any group responsible for improper care or damage to park property or material.

Lincoln Financial Children's Garden

Rules for the Children's Garden are posted outside of the gate. Please plan to review these with your group upon arrival.

Please note that the Spin-A-Round is intended for children aged 12 and under, and that children must be accompanied by an adult when using the Spin-A-Round.

Additional rules for large groups in the Children's Garden:

- Groups must be accompanied by chaperones inside of the gate, and must maintain ratio.
- Personal belongings must not block the gate, and should be confined to a single pile or along the perimeter so as not to be a tripping hazard.
- Please avoid taking meals in the Children's Garden (see above).
- More than one person at a time is not permitted to enter the Family Restroom, unless accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
- Please be mindful of this shared public space. Groups disrupting the use of any park space by other visitors may be asked to leave.

Emergencies

Group chaperones/leaders are responsible for the proper care of group members. GDPI leaves it to the discretion of group leaders to determine protocol in the event of an emergency. Park Ambassadors are our on-site staff and may be reached at the number listed above. A security officer is also on-site (completing rounds between Center City and LeBauer Park) if in need of assistance.

Please additionally review our General Park Rules & Regulations here:

Park Hours, Care, and Spaces

- Center City Park and LeBauer Park are open from **7:00am to 10:00pm** unless otherwise posted for special events. **No trespassing after hours.**
- Park visitors are not permitted to enter garden beds, prune plants or remove flowers.
- Littering is prohibited, including placement of chemicals, food or any other substance in the fountains.
- Storing or leaving personal belongings unattended is prohibited. Belongings left unattended will be destroyed.
- Camping is prohibited and is defined as resting or sleeping anywhere in the parks while in possession of several days of clothing and/or other camping materials.
- Bathing or otherwise being present in the fountain (Center City Park) is prohibited
- Large personal belongings, such as suitcases, large rubber storage containers and luggage are not permitted in either park.
- Park visitors and pets are not permitted in the fountain in Center City Park for any reason. Presence in the fountain will result in immediate expulsion from the parks.
- The placement of hammocks between trees is strictly prohibited.
- Climbing on sculptures, trees, and fences is prohibited.
- The removal of items from trash receptacles is prohibited.
- Prolonged or disruptive loitering is prohibited.

- Erecting structures of any kind is prohibited in both parks.
- Defacement of park property or material is prohibited and will result in expulsion from the parks.
- Disruption of the peace or any other negative behavior is not permitted in the parks.
- Engagement in illegal or illicit activities is strictly prohibited and will result in expulsion from the parks.

Children

- ***Adults must accompany, and supervise at all times, children under the age of 12.***
- Adults are not allowed in the Lincoln Financial Children's Garden unless when accompanied by a child.
- **The Spin-A-Round is intended for children aged 12 and under only. *Children must be accompanied by an adult when using the Spin-A-Round.***

Animals

- **All animals must be on a leash at all times**, except in the Downtown Greensboro Animal Hospital Dog Park, and are not permitted in the VF Seasonal Plaza interactive fountain or Lincoln Financial Children's Garden. No more than three dogs per "human" allowed in the dog park at any time.
- Dogs and other **pets are not permitted in the VF Seasonal Plaza interactive fountain or Lincoln Financial Children's Garden.**
- **Dog owners must pick up after their dogs.** Violators will be banned from the Parks.
- The riding of animals, and/or the molestation of or causing injury to an animal are prohibited in the parks.

Substances

- In an effort to protect our youngest visitors, **tobacco use and vaping are not allowed in the following areas:**
 - Lincoln Financial Children's Garden
 - Junior League of Greensboro's Reading Room
 - VF Corporation Seasonal Plaza
 - Downtown Greensboro Animal Hospital Dog Park
 - Downtown Greensboro Square
 - Price/Bryan Performance Pavilion
 - The Great Lawn and Oval Lawn in Center City Park
 - The Great Lawn in LeBauer Park
- Alcoholic beverages, except those sold at LeBauer Park kiosks, are prohibited.
- LeBauer Park kiosk beer and wine may not be taken to Center City Park.
- No person shall bring, possess, distribute, sell, solicit or consume marijuana or any controlled substance in the parks.

Solicitation, Sales, Gambling

- The distribution and/or posting of flyers or other marketing materials and solicitations of any kind is permitted only with the permission of Greensboro Downtown Parks, Inc. administrative staff (does not include Park Ambassador Staff).
- Panhandling or the selling of personal items is not allowed in either park.
- Gambling in the parks is prohibited.

Vehicles & Recreation

- **Motorized recreational vehicles**, including scooters (Lime/Bird), skateboards, and bikes are prohibited.
- Non-motorized bicycling, skateboarding or rollerblading, scooters or any other off-road transportation are permitted on paved surfaces only.
- Performing tricks on stairs, railings, etc. is strictly prohibited. Users must practice safe riding at all times.

- Remote control cars, boats, helicopters, planes, etc. are prohibited
- **Aerial drones** (unless approved by GDPI Staff and maneuvered by licensed pilots) are prohibited
- Loud radios or boom boxes are prohibited
- **Fires, barbecuing, outdoor cooking or any open flame are prohibited.**

Fire arms are prohibited

No person shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the lawful direction or command of any Park employee or police officer indicated verbally, by gesture or otherwise. Park Rules and Regulations are subject to change or revision without notice.