

# Riordan Mansion State Historic Park - Group Information

Thank you for considering bringing your group to Riordan Mansion State Historic Park. The following information will help you decide how we can accommodate your group. Reservations for groups can be taken as much as a year in advance

## **Just the Grounds**

If your group does not have time to take the guided tour you are welcome to pay the Park Entrance Fee of \$2.00 per person and explore the Visitor Center exhibits, the Self-Guided Tour of the Exterior, and perhaps have a picnic lunch. Although a reservation is not required for this type of visit we appreciate you letting us know you will be coming.

## **Guided Tours**

The interior of Riordan Mansion is seen by guided tour only. The tour takes about an hour and a full tour group is 15 people. With at least one week advance reservation two tour groups (30 people) can be scheduled in one hour. The groups start a few minutes apart and one group does the upstairs first while the other group does the downstairs first and then they switch.

Groups of up to 60 people can be accommodated with reservation at least two weeks in advance. Please plan to spend at least two hours. Your group will be divided into four smaller groups of 15. Two groups will tour one hour and two groups will tour the following hour. The groups waiting for their turn for the tour (or for second groups to return from their tour) can enjoy the Visitor Center, Gift Shop and the Self-Guided walk around the grounds. It may also be possible to have the waiting groups visit the West House Museum.

## **School Groups**

In addition to the guided tour our education team of volunteers can visit local classrooms in advance of your tour to provide a presentation on Flagstaff history. The Classroom Pre-Visit Outreach provides more information and helps them appreciate the tour of the house more. The guided tour is best for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older.

## **Themed Tours**

Is there a special theme you are looking for in your tour? Please let our staff know and we can help recruit the tour guides to make it the experience you are looking for. Some example themes are: Riordan Brothers: Community Builders, Arts and Crafts style architecture and furniture, Sustainability, and Flagstaff History.

## **Reservations**

The staff depends on volunteers to provide tours, in order to accommodate large groups please plan ahead as far as possible to make sure we can secure enough tour guides.

## **Off Hours Tours**

If staffing is available and with enough advance planning the Park can be opened early to accommodate groups. In addition, it may be possible to open for groups on a day we are normally closed.

## **Special Needs**

The Riordan Mansion is full of original 1904 features including lath and plaster walls. These walls are unable to support people leaning on them. If standing for an hour is a problem please consider asking your guide for one of the following aids:

- o Folding Cane Sling Seat
  - Cane provides a comfortable seat to rest on when open. When the cane is folded it is used as a cane giving support.
- o Walker with seat
  - The walker has a wide seat to allow one to sit whenever they need to. Two are available for use upstairs & downstairs.
- o Wheelchair
  - Wheelchairs (maximum width 26") can be used for the entire first floor as well as self-guided exterior tour.
- o Anyone who cannot or does not want to do the stairs can be accommodated by being in the group that does downstairs first and then they will have the opportunity to exit and watch a video of the second floor. The remainder of the group will go upstairs.
- Hearing Impaired
  - o The groups are limited to 15 people so that they are all in the same room together and should be able to hear the guide.
  - o If there is a concern, your tour guide can use a voice amplifier.
    - Please let us know if you would like your tour guide to use the voice amplifier.

**Group/School Rate available for 15 or more people with advance reservation.**

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