

Notice

The Northwest Rockhound Retreat Chair shall have the right, at his/her sole discretion to expel from the Retreat, Retreat participant(s), who's actions in his/her opinion is objectionable under current community standards, or has/is suspected of breaking any laws of the State of Oregon, or against the rules of the Retreat. The Northwest Rockhound Retreat chair shall not be held liable for his/her action taken and no refunds will be made.

Due to the fact that this property is in the middle of a National Monument, we are subject to much closer scrutiny than other properties. We have gone through a lengthy process and here are the parameters that we will work with. Our group is the only one that is allowed to bring RV's on the property, we have a privilege no others get.

This means that if you plan on bringing an RV, the first four (3) under 24 feet will be allowed. All others will be assigned cabins for the program.

- **NO PETS.** Exceptions will be made for Service Animals, but they must be registered with me 45 days prior to the event so I can notify the Camp Manager within 30 days. No animal waste may be left on Camp Hancock or National Park Service property.
- **SMOKING is PROHIBITED.** If a participant chooses to smoke they must first check in with the Camp Manager to find the designated space, and the smoker is responsible for cleaning up and packing out all cigarette butts.
- **ALCOHOL.** Alcohol is permitted. It must be consumed in moderation and under control. Guests must dispose of all alcohol containers offsite from Hancock Field Station.
- **EARLIEST ARRIVAL TIME IS 3 PM.** Hancock Field Station staff are cleaning and preparing the site from the previous group and are not able to accommodate early arrivals. Because of this, NWRR participants arriving before 3 PM will be required to leave and come back after 3 PM.
- **PARKING.** Parking is allowed in designated areas only. The Camp Manager is responsible for all parking management and any issues or concerns that arise. Group participants must follow the directions and decisions of the Camp Manager. There is no parking or waiting on the National Park Service Road that connects HWY 218 to the Hancock Field Station. There is also no parking or waiting on the Hancock Driveway which is a Designated Fire Lane. These roadways are required by State and Federal Guidelines to allow emergency vehicles access to Hancock Field Station. Once at Hancock Field Station group participants are NOT ALLOWED to drive over drainage ditches in order to park a vehicle on the other side. All vehicles must be parked facing the camp entrance for quick exit in case of an emergency requiring quick evacuation of the camp.
- **HOUSING AND RV'S.** Camp Hancock will provide privacy curtains for use in the larger A-Frame cabins upon request. There is a maximum of 10 Electric hookups for RV's. Seven will be used by instructors, leaving only 3 RV Hookups for use by Group Participants, and those must be under 26 feet in length. Generators are not allowed to be run at Hancock Field Station.
- **NO AIR CONDITIONERS.** NO RV or personal air conditioners can be used at Hancock Field Station.

TIPS FOR A GREAT STAY AT HANCOCK FIELD STATION

- 1. We are surrounded by the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument.** The removal, possession, or disturbance of any fossil, mineral, plant, archeological object, or any other natural or cultural feature is prohibited. If you go hiking stick to the trails and leave what you find.
- 2. Keep food safe from rodents.** Store food in refrigerators, coolers, or cars; not in cabins. Put all food waste into designated bins at Berrie Hall not with other trash.
- 3. Use the recycling bins and trash cans** located on the side of Berrie Hall. Separate food waste from other trash or recycling.
- 4. Arrive promptly for meals.** Food is hot and fresh at the time meals are listed. We will blow the Conch Shell to let you know that a meal is about to start. Announcements are made before meals.
- 5. Feel free to use our extra water bottles (under the KP Station.** Return used water bottles to the KP Station to be washed. Also feel free to use the sunscreen (above the trail map on the side of Berrie Hall).
- 6. Walk or Skip** when traveling around camp. It's easy to slip when running in gravel. Carry a headlamp or flashlight when it is dark.
- 7. Travel on surfaces with gravel or cement.** Avoid walking in or through drainages and stay off hillsides.
- 8. Let someone know if you are hurt or ill.** The Camp Manager, Assistant Manager, and Northwest Rockhound Retreat Chair are available at all hours. The Camp Manager lives in the Managers House, the Assistant Manager lives in the rectangular cabin in lower camp.
- 9. If you go hiking, tell someone** where you are going and when you expect to be back. Trail maps of the Clarno Unit are available to borrow – please ask a manager.
- 10. Please respect the wildlife** that lives in and around Hancock Field Station. Do not catch or chase wildlife around camp or the National Monument.
- 11. When viewing the owl** please stand back from the bars. Do not put fingers or hands into the enclosure, Groups should be small and remain quiet. The owl is wild.
- 12. Smoking and vaping** are only permitted in designated areas of Hancock Field Station. Please ask a manager where you may smoke or vape. Fully extinguish cigarettes. The use of marijuana and other recreational drugs are prohibited at Hancock Field Station.
- 13. If you choose to drink alcohol, please drink responsibly.** We are over an hour away from the nearest hospital. You must pack out any drinks, bottles, or other containers you bring with you.
- 14. We have a limited supply of coffee mugs.** Please return used mugs to Berrie Hall so they can be washed and re-used.
- 15. Turn off lights and heaters,** close doors when leaving buildings.
- 16. If you have any questions** about Hancock Field Station programming, please ask the NWRR Chair.