



## Beaver County Conservation District

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## Fieldtrip Rules and Guidelines

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- Visitors to the BCCD Wetlands should expect to get wet and/or muddy. *This is an outdoor experience*, and our trail hikes include stream crossings and habitat investigations. *Please dress appropriately*. Older clothes and sturdy footwear are preferred. No flip-flops. No dresses or skirts. Sunscreen & insect repellent are encouraged! We like to hike whether we have rain or shine, so raingear may also be appropriate.
- *Students should have a suitable number of chaperones* for the age group. We seek to ensure that all visitors to our facilities have a fun, *safe*, and educational time. This can be difficult if students don't have an appropriate amount of supervision. Large groups tend to spread out on our trails, and our single fieldtrip leader cannot be multiple places at once.
- *Maximum occupancy* for our classroom *is 49 people*, counting both students and adults. *Larger groups are welcome*, but should expect to utilize our picnic pavilion for fieldtrip introduction activities and for lunch if your group is eating at our facilities. If students are utilizing our pavilion, restroom breaks should be done in smaller groups to help maintain efficiency and avoid disturbing our other office visitors and workers.
- *If students get muddy* during macroinvertebrate surveys or aquatic life investigations, *they will not be permitted back in the classroom* until they have rinsed off their footwear. *A hose with a spray nozzle will be provided*. Mud from the trail hike is usually minimal and can be wiped off in grassy areas.
- Please remind students to read and obey all classroom and hallway signs. We do have a touch table area where students can pet animal pelts, but the bird mounts and other animals are fragile and off limits. Look, but please, do not touch. Also, we have *blue recycling bins for plastic bottles and aluminum cans*. *The garbage bin is red*.