

### **Group Tour Information Sheet**

Group tours may be scheduled with Poplar Forest for 10 people or more. Groups of *less than 20* people will pay the regular admission costs for the members of their group. Those rates are listed on our website: <a href="www.poplarforest.org">www.poplarforest.org</a>. Groups consisting of **20 or more people** are eligible for the group admission rate.

# Group Admission rates \*For groups of 20 or more

Adults -\$21.00	College (with ID) -\$12.00
Military (with ID) -\$18.00	Teen (12-18) -\$12.00
Seniors (ages 65+) \$18.00	Youth (6-11) - \$6.00
Bus Drivers/Guides- Comp	Children (under 6) Free

# Rates are subject to change without notice

If your group has dropped below 20 people on the day of the tour, the full admission rate will be charged. *D-Day Memorial Combo Tickets, Membership passes, free passes or other discount coupons are not valid for group admission.* 

Groups consisting of less than 10 people are welcome to make reservations for a private tour for the admission rate of \$40.00 per person to guarantee a tour with only your group. Private tours must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance with Grace Lefcourt, Visitor Services and Volunteers Coordinator at 434-534-8110 or grace@poplarforest.org

To secure your scheduled tour time, Poplar Forest requires a **non-refundable** deposit 30 days in advance of your visit. Our deposit requirements are listed below:

Group of 20 or more: \$50.00 deposit Group of 50 or more: \$100.00 deposit

Payment is due in full on the day of your scheduled visit and can be paid by cash, check or credit card in the Museum Shop. Billing is available with an advanced request.

#### **Group Tour Scheduling**

#### Winter Schedule: December 1-February 28

Open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.- Last group tour booked at 2:30 p.m.

Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Dec. 31-2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in January

#### Regular Season Schedule: March 1- November 30

Open 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.- Last group tour booked at 3:30 p.m.

Closed Easter and Thanksgiving

If your group arrives more than 30 minutes late for your scheduled tour <u>without notification</u>, a Poplar Forest guide may not be available for a tour. If this occurs, your admission will be valid for a self-guided tour of the main level using the Poplar Forest smartphone app, the lower level self-guided exhibits and grounds.

If your group is running late, please call the Poplar Forest Museum Shop at 434-534-8120.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

<u>What is your GPS Address?</u> 1776 Poplar Forest Parkway Lynchburg, VA 24502. GPS will occasionally route vehicles to our service entrance at 687 Poplar Forest Dr. Forest, VA 24551 which is open for use. If you have trouble getting to us, please call the Museum Shop at 434-534-8120 for help. Written directions can be found at <a href="https://www.poplarforest.org/visit/the-retreat/directions/">https://www.poplarforest.org/visit/the-retreat/directions/</a>

<u>How long does it take to visit Poplar Forest?</u> We suggest allowing **at least two hours** for the entire visit to allow for disembarking and boarding the bus, use of the restrooms, the tour component and visiting the self-guided exhibits, grounds and Museum Shop.

<u>Is Poplar Forest handicapped accessible?</u> Yes. We have a handicapped lift to avoid the seven steps leading into the main level of the house. The house is located in a natural setting with no sidewalks or paved roads. Therefore, we have a golf cart visitors can use while on the guided house tour. Please let us know in advance if you require either amenity.

<u>Is there anywhere to eat at Poplar Forest?</u> Poplar Forest has picnic tables available for groups of 50 or less. <u>Montana Plains Bakery</u> is a great option for boxed lunches if you'd like to pick up something on your way to Poplar Forest (they may also deliver). <u>The Neighbor's Place</u> is located across the street from our main entrance and has a private dining room available for groups if you'd prefer a restaurant.

<u>Can I take pictures at Poplar Forest?</u> Yes, photography and videography for personal use for allowed both inside and outside the house. Please ask your docent before filming their tour.

<u>Can I schedule a tour with a specific staff member or about a specific subject?</u> Specialty and Themed tours are available upon advance request for an additional fee of \$15.00 per person. Subject to guide availability.

<u>Can my group purchase combo tickets with the D-Day Memorial?</u> No. D-Day Combo tickets are not valid for group admissions because each site needs to organize tour docents specifically for your group. To schedule a group visit at the Memorial please contact their Director of Site Operations, Sandra Parece, at 540-587-3619 or by email at <a href="mailto:sparece@dday.org">sparece@dday.org</a>.