

Four Mile Historic Park is a 12-acre rural site located just four miles from the heart of downtown Denver. The park is the site of Denver's oldest standing house. Built in 1859 along the Cherokee Trail, Four Mile House has served as a stagestop, tavern, wayside inn and finally a homestead. The house and outbuildings provide the centerpiece for your journey into the past.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

To ensure a fun educational experience, please make sure that all participants are dressed for the weather and for our rural facilities.

PLEASE NOTE

All programs (except for Westward Ho!) are **self-led**.

Program materials and instructions will be mailed to you 3 weeks prior to your trip. Four Mile Staff will orient your class to the program and the park and assist you during your visit.

Four Mile Historic Park also offers Summer Day Camps, Birthday Parties, and exciting Special Events. Call for additional information and reservations.

RESERVATIONS

Reserve a date and time for your field trip by calling (303) 399-8497.

Tips for a Successful Field Trip:

1. Choose and reserve a program option and activities, if applicable, four weeks prior to your visit. A program option and activities will be assigned by Four Mile Staff if your choice is not made four weeks in advance of your scheduled field trip.
2. Let us know if you need program information in Spanish as well as English.
3. **Remember all activities are self-led.**
4. Upon receipt of confirmation materials, copy all activity instructions for your group leaders. Please read through all materials as soon as you receive them.
5. Recruit at least one adult leader for each group of 10 children. One adult leader per five children is preferable. Adult leaders are admitted free of charge.
6. Instruct students to dress for the weather. Except in the case of dangerous driving conditions, programs will go on as scheduled. Many activities can be modified and moved to sheltered spaces.
7. Call ahead with any and all questions.

Please call 2 hours prior to your scheduled time if you have weather concerns. You will, otherwise, be charged a \$25.00 cancellation fee.

“A Day in the Life of a Pioneer”

Hands-on, Educational, & Fun Field Trips for Children

Four Mile Historic Parks and Recreation
715 S. Forest Street
Denver, CO 80246
(303) 399-1859

**Reservations:
(303) 399-8497**

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Experience life as a pioneer!

Four Mile Historic Park is a place where history comes to life! Activities are designed to enrich curriculum, address state education standards, and provide memorable hands-on encounters with the past.

PROGRAM TIMES:

Field trip times are as follows:
10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. and/or
11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

(1) Traveling the Cherokee Trail

20 children minimum –
75 children maximum **
\$3.00 per child

(2) Pioneer Sampler

20 children minimum –
75 children maximum **
Choose 3 or 5 activities
\$2.00 - \$2.50 per child base price

(3) Winter Wonder Days

November through March
20 children minimum –
40 children maximum
\$3.00 per child

(4) Westward Ho!

May 2003
Up to 125 children
\$3.50 per child

(make reservations and bus arrangements early – this program fills up fast!)

***Larger groups may be accommodated by adding additional activities at \$.50 per child/per activity*

Please note: there is a minimum charge for 20 students for all program options.

OPTION 1

TRAVELING THE CHEROKEE TRAIL

Children experience the adventures and hardships of covered wagon life in the 1860s. Classes of 20-60 children travel as “family groups” of 10-12 pioneers to five activity stations. As the families encounter incidents, they work together to solve them so they can continue their journey West.

Your group leaders will lead the following activities:

- **Ready...Set...Roll:** See our 1860s covered wagon and learn about the challenges of packing for the long journey West.
- **Horse-Drawn Wagon Ride:** Travel around the park in a prairie schooner and learn about life on the trail from our teamster. (M,W, & F in the morning subject to weather and teamster availability).
- **Alternate to wagon activity *Footprints on the Trail:** Create rubbings of animal tracks the pioneers might have encountered on their trek. See and feel animal hides.
- **American Indian Life:** Learn about American Indian culture, sign language, and play games in a tipi.
- **Setting Up Camp:** Choose A or B
 - A. Open fire cooking: Cook and sample pioneer food.
 - B. Camp Chores: Hunt “wild game” with beanbags, gather wood, and grind coffee (best for ages 7 & under).
- **Gold Panning:** Pan for gold just like the ‘59ers with guaranteed success.

The Cherokee Trail addresses Colorado State Standards for History 1, 2.1, 3, 4.2, Geography 2.1, 3.2, 6 and Economics 1 & 3.

OPTION 2

PIONEER SAMPLER

Please select either three activities (1.5 hours/base price \$2.00) or five activities (2 hours/base price \$2.50).

- **Butter Making:** Shake cream in a jar until it turns to butter and enjoy the tasty treat on a cracker.
- **Celebrations:** Enjoy pioneer-era rhythm, dance, and games. (Outgoing and creative leadership are musts for this activity!)
- **Farm Chores:** Draw water from the well, wash laundry on a scrub board, sweep the walks, beat the rugs and feed the chickens!
- **Four Mile House Tour:** A costumed guide will lead your group on a tour of Denver’s oldest house (for groups of up to 60 children only and recommended for ages 7+)
- **Pioneer Games:** Play simple games like stilts, tug-of-war, jump rope, and more.
- **American Indian Games:** Learn games that taught young American Indians life skills like hunting and survival on the plains.

- **Prairie School:** Learn what it was like to be a student in a country school long ago. (Group leaders become a school marm or master)
- **Gold Panning:** Pan for gold just like the '59ers with guaranteed success.
- **Footprints on the Trail:** Create rubbings of animal tracks the pioneers might have encountered on their trek. See and feel animal hides.

The following activities can be added to our Pioneer Sampler for an additional 50 cents per child/per activity:

- **Jack Rabbit Hit:** Make American Indian corn husk toys similar to a badminton birdie.
- **Sand Painting:** Draw an American Indian symbol and “paint” it with colored sand.
- **Tin Punch:** Punch holes in a tin square to create a picture or pattern.
- **Quilt Craft:** Glue small squares of fabric onto paper to make a quilt design.
- **Woodstove Cooking:** Mix and bake it at the end of the day’s activities.

Begin your adventure into the past at Four Mile Historic Park!

(Seasonal Programs)

OPTION 3

WINTER WONDER DAYS

Offered November – March for groups of 20 – 40 children.

Children rotate to three activity areas while enjoying the quiet beauty of Four Mile Historic Park in the wintertime.

- **Pioneer Story:** Enjoy a pioneer-era story read to them in the cozy parlor of Denver’s oldest house.
- **Craft Project:** Carry out a Tin Punch or Quilt Craft activity.
- **Snack:** Prepare a snack cooked in the woodburning stove.

OPTION 4

WESTWARD HO!

Offered only during the month of May (this award-winning program fills up fast – make your reservations and bus arrangements now)!

Experience the 820-mile/6-week pioneer journey across the plains through five activities spread around the park’s 12 acres.

Children will:

- **Prepare for the Journey:** See what pioneers packed for their new lives in the West.
- **Travel the Trail:** Walk along side the horse-drawn prairie schooner like the pioneers and then take a ride.
- **Set up Camp:** Gather wood, make butter, grind coffee.

- **American Indian Life:** Learn about the people who already lived in the West.
- **Gold Panning and Celebrations:** Pan for gold and celebrate your good fortune.

All Westward Ho! activities are led by Four Mile Staff.