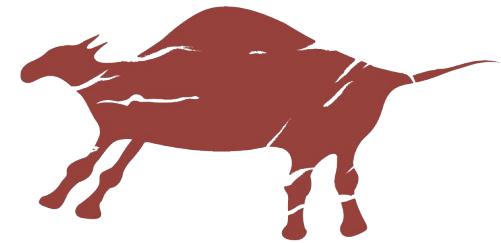


Jeffers Petroglyphs

# A Social Narrative



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# Welcome

I am going to Jeffers  
Petroglyphs today!



# Overview

There are many things to do at Jeffers Petroglyphs. I can go through the visitor center exhibit, visit the Atlatl range, shop in the museum store, explore the prairie trails, see the Three Sisters Garden, and visit the rock face. I can listen to the prairie, feel wind, and see plants while visiting Jeffers Petroglyphs.



# Parking

I will park in the parking lot and start my visit in the visitor center.

The parking lot is gravel; I will hear it crunch as I move.



# Arrival

I will enter the front doors of the visitor center and get a ticket.

Standard and all-terrain wheelchairs are available in the visitor center on a first-come, first-serve basis. An all-terrain wheelchair may help me move through the site more easily. Service dogs are welcome.



# Starting my trip

I can take a guided tour or self-guide through Jeffers Petroglyphs.

If I go on a guided tour, I will meet a guide at the rock face near the sign.

It will be 45 minutes long. Guided tours start every hour on the 30-minute mark.

I can get a map from the visitor center!



# Restrooms

The restrooms are in the visitor center! There are no restrooms on the rock face, so I should use the restroom before I start exploring the site.



# Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me during my visit. They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear a blue button-up shirt or wear a name tag.

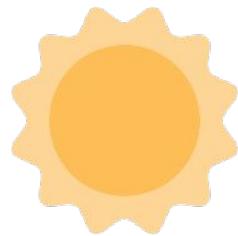


# Weather

I will be outside for most of my trip. I should wear good shoes for exploring.

If it is raining, I will need an umbrella and a rain jacket. If it is sunny, I will want sunscreen. It might be very windy on the prairie. There is not much shade.

I can still have fun, no matter what the weather is!



# Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Jeffers Petroglyphs. I will travel with the people I came with, stay on the trails, and follow the directions of signs.



# What can I touch?

There will be lots of opportunities to touch items! It can be hard to know what is okay to touch. I can ask the museum staff if I see something cool, and they will tell me if I can touch it!



# Plants and animals

I will not take anything from Jeffers Petroglyphs because it is a sacred place. This means everything within Jeffers Petroglyphs is sacred, including any plants, animals, or objects I might see! I will protect the prairie and rock face by keeping my hands to myself. I will watch out for cacti; they are spiky!



# Moving through the site

I will be moving through the site and feeling different kinds of ground.

There will be prairie paths, gravel, and the ground might be uneven or bumpy.

There are 3 trails to explore: short prairie, long prairie, and south prairie trails. These vary in length; I can pick a trail that fits my needs best!



# Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! There is a quiet space at the visitor center for my break. I can go back to the visitor center or find a quiet bench to sit on.

I can relax until I am ready to continue my visit.



# Changes

The museum changes sometimes!  
It is fun to see new things.

If something is closed, it may be  
open next time!

If the weather is very bad, I might  
come back another time!



# Visiting the rock face

I can go to the rock face and see rock carvings. I can see carvings of a baby buffalo, atlatl, people, and more. I can listen to a tour guide teach me about the rock carvings. I will stay on the boardwalk or between ropes.

Museum staff might walk on the rock face, but I will stay on the trail.



# Throwing an atlatl

Atlatls were long smooth sticks used to hunt buffalo. I can learn about and practice throwing a dart using an atlatl towards a target. I will not go behind the throwing line; only staff will pick up the darts. I will hold on tight to the atlatl when I throw. I will be patient. I may have to wait for my turn.



# Three sisters garden

I can learn about gardening! There are corn, beans, and squash grown in the three sisters garden. I can go to the garden and see what it looks like.



# Lunch

There is no restaurant or dining facilities at Jeffers. I can bring a picnic or snack if I want to eat on-site! There are picnic tables and a shelter available.



# Goodbye!

When my trip is over I will leave Jeffers Petroglyphs.



We look forward  
to your visit!



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# Questions?

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