



Guidelines for Groups Visiting
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park
18700 S. CR 325
Hawthorne, (Cross Creek) FL 32640
(352) 466-3672 Fax: (352) 466-4743

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings described her Cross Creek home as a place that offers “remoteness from urban confusion.” To preserve her 130 year-old farmhouse and share it with others, we have established the following guidelines:

1. Please make reservations at least one month in advance. Group tours are available on Tuesday and Wednesday only, October thru July. Fill out the attached form and return it as soon as possible. February through May are our busiest months. The number of tours we can offer is limited.
2. Groups must arrive on time to keep their reservation.
3. Tours last from about 30-50 minutes
4. To preserve the 1930’s atmosphere, vehicles must park in the adjacent Rawlings County Park. A staff member will meet groups there.
5. Picnic tables in the county park make a good place for lunch. Some are sheltered.
6. Restrooms are located in the county park. Please allow extra time so that your tour can begin on time.

STUDENT GROUPS

7. Student groups must have one chaperone per ten (10) students. Chaperones are responsible for the students’ behavior while visiting the historic site.
8. Fees are waived for educational groups. A letter requesting a fee waiver on your stationery should be provided.
9. We encourage visitation of children for educational purposes. Please help us by honoring the following:
 - * **Please do** run and play on our 2 nature trails & in the park next to the site
 - * Stay with your guide while in the farmyard and house
 - * Ask questions by raising your hand
 - * **Please do not** touch, sit on or pick up any items in the farmhouse
 - * Don’t scare the ducks and chickens with loud noises or by chasing them
 - * Please do not pick oranges, vegetables or flowers

It is helpful to arrive a few minutes early to let children stretch and use the restrooms before they are asked to compose themselves for the tour. Thank you for your cooperation.