

# FAQs

## Bison's Bluff Nature Playground

### Summer, 2021 Operations

#### **What is the fee to visit Bison's Bluff?**

Bison's Bluff admission is now \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents for one hour of play. This fee only applies to children 2-12 years of age. Accompanying adults do not pay a fee.

#### **How can I make a reservation?**

Making a reservation to visit Bison's Bluff is not necessary but is highly recommended. Both residents and non-residents may visit [www.parkfun.com/reservations](http://www.parkfun.com/reservations) and click on the Bison's Bluff link. If you do not have an account with Schaumburg Park District, you will need to set one up. Note that it may take 24 hours for your account to be approved and become active. Reservations may be made up to a ½ hour before the start of any play session.

#### **Why are the play sessions only one hour?**

Since Bison's Bluff is such a popular nature playground, limiting capacity is the best way to avoid over-crowding and ensure that all visitors can have a quality nature play experience. Given these capacity limits, the one-hour play sessions help to ensure that as many patrons as possible are able to enjoy Bison's Bluff. Visitors may stay for two one-hour play sessions if space permits.

#### **Bison's Bluff used to be free. Why are there fees now?**

Admission fees go toward helping pay for the cost of operations as well as ongoing maintenance and upkeep. Bison's Bluff is a unique and popular visitor amenity that receives heavy use and requires far more upkeep and maintenance than a traditional playground. Only a portion of Spring Valley's operations is supported by local taxes. Your admission fees, therefore help to support the overall operation of Spring Valley's Nature Center Museum and Heritage Farm.

#### **Can we bring food into the nature playground?**

Snacks and beverages in non-glass containers are permitted in Bison's Bluff; however, we ask that picnics, coolers, packaged meals, etc. NOT be brought into the playground. The nearby picnic pavilions are designed for picnics and contain tables and trash receptacles. The playground does not provide spaces for picnics or eating, and spilled food attracts wildlife and creates added maintenance.

#### **Can we bring our own toys into the nature playground?**

Small sand toys may be brought into Bison's Bluff; however, for safety reasons, we ask that balls, squirt guns, and other toys not be brought into the playground. There is also the potential for toys being left behind in the playground, so leave them at home or in the car instead. One of the goals of nature play is to inspire children to play creatively, with what nature provides, so give them the opportunity to exercise their natural creativity and resourcefulness!

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