

Group Hike Description Template

Date:

Meeting Time:

Location:

Trailhead address and anything special about where to meet.

Getting There:

Is there anything special hikers should know about the directions? Is the location easily found on most map apps? Is there any kind of entrance fee? Is the road rough and four-wheel drive is likely needed?

Parking Information:

How much parking is available? Should hikers plan to carpool if possible? Is the parking paved? Gravel? Along the side of a road? On an embankment?

General Information/Introduction:

A general introduction to the hike/trail, including maybe why you picked the location for the group hike. Anything special you'll be seeing?

The Trail:

NOT JUST easy, moderate or difficult!

Length, elevation gain and elevation profile description, trail tread types. Are there stairs? Creek crossings? Lots of roots and rocks? Is this an out-an-back hike? Loop? Lollipop? The difficulty of the hike is determined by way more than just the length! Any special features such as ladders, swinging bridges, tight squeezes?

What to Bring:

Any special gear needed? Water shoes? Dry bags? Is hiking footwear needed or would good tennis shoes work? Lots of birds to see so binoculars might be nice? Will the leader carry first aid materials, or should each hiker bring their own? Don't forget a reminder to bring any needed personal medications. What clothing might be needed? Don't just assume people know what to bring if you don't know the group well.

Pace/Timing Information:

Is there a certain pace that's expected or a certain time by which the group must finish the hike for any reason, including leader schedule availability?

Restroom Information:

Are there restrooms available at the trailhead? If so, what type? If not, are there any close by where hikers can easily stop on their drive in?

Other Information:

Any other information that might be helpful to hikers, especially ones that are new or unsure of themselves. Is this typically a crowded trail? Is there lots of road noise? A good chance the trail might be muddy? Are pets or children allowed on the hike? What is cell reception like? How can hikers reach you if they have an issue the day of? Help people feel prepared to participate fully!