

Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility Visitor Information

Please have all participants review this information before visiting.

1. **Arrival:** There is no need to check in at the Operations Building unless previously instructed. Please proceed up the road to the visitor center. Please check in 10 minutes prior to your tour and/or presentation time. If your group is late, we will have to modify or cancel portions of your tour.
2. **Site Roads:** The visitor center is 10 minutes from the Vantage Highway on the private Beacon Ridge Rd. Please account for this in your travel plans. To protect wildlife, the speed limit is 25 mph.
3. **Wind Turbines:** Do not approach wind turbines within 300 ft. without a guide AND proper safety gear.
4. **Tour:** The wind turbine tour involves around a half mile of walking in variable conditions on gravel trails, including a steeper grade down to the turbine, and entering the tower of an operational turbine. Accommodations can be made to drive to the turbine if needed. Please let us know before the tour. Daily tours are available at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm daily. Based on staff and facility availability, groups may schedule tours and presentations outside of these times.
5. **Group Tours:** Please confirm your scheduled visit at least 2-3 weeks in advance so that changes can be accommodated. In order to minimize tour wait time, and seating capacity (presentation), please limit group size to 48. Groups of 30 or less are best. Larger parties can sometimes be accommodated if we have sufficient staff, but will need to split into groups and plan for a longer stay.
6. **Liability Forms:** Must be signed prior to participating in a wind turbine tour. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent signature on the form.
7. **Safety:** Hard hats and safety glasses are required on tours and will be provided for visitors. Young children cannot participate in the tour if the safety gear does not fit properly, or if they are unwilling to wear it during the tour. A safety review will be provided prior to the tour. Various hazards exist at an operating wind facility, including but not limited to, inclement weather, primitive trail conditions, high voltage electricity, wildlife, overhead hazards, magnets, and steep terrain.
8. **Pacemakers:** Visitors with pacemakers should not enter the turbine due to the presence of magnets.
9. **Clothing:** Closed-toe sturdy shoes are *required* for the tour. During spring and fall tours, heavy coats, gloves, long pants, and a thin hat or hood are advised.
10. **Site Closures:** Safety is our first priority. Turbine tours may be canceled due to high winds, snow, ice, heavy rains, or at the tour guide's discretion. A modified tour or presentation may be offered as an alternative if safe to do so. Access to the visitor center is also weather dependent as inclement weather can make the road unsafe. Feel free to call or email to inquire about site conditions.
11. **Facilities:** Aside from the exhibit area, we have bathrooms, outside picnic area, and a conference room and kitchen (by reservation). We are in a remote location, please bring any food or beverages you might need. We do provide coffee and water. Please help us reduce waste by bringing a water bottle to use and refill. When using the conference room, you may bring your own food or arrange your own catering. Please request the Conference Room Amenities document for more information.
12. **Contact Info:**

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