



# Penn Dixie

*Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center*

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## PENN DIXIE PRE-SITE VISIT INFORMATION

Penn Dixie information and suggestions that may be helpful to first time visitors includes include:

1. View the **Directions and map** available on the Penn Dixie home page for precise directions to the current entrance.
2. Penn Dixie has two shelters, picnic tables, benches, portable toilets, and over 3,600 feet of paved trails for wheelchairs, walkers, strollers and wagons. Once funding is secured, a 10,200 sq. ft. outdoor education center building will be constructed at the site for year-round programming and events.
3. Review the **Penn Dixie Visiting Procedures and Code of Conduct** on the home page
4. Review the **Penn Dixie public hours** and how Penn Dixie members may visit the site during non-public visiting hours. Penn Dixie will be open rain or shine. Dress for the weather.
5. January 1, 2011, **Penn Dixie admission** to collect fossils will be \$7/adult, \$6/child 12 and under, children 2 and under are free, Penn Dixie members are free.
6. Information on **booking a school field trip or group trip** is available under the Visiting Hours and to Schedule a Reservation or Special Events or call (716) 627-4560. **School membership** information is available on the Penn Dixie membership form, which provides a discount rate for students visiting Penn Dixie with a school field trip.
7. **Penn Dixie recommends** a canvas collecting bag, plastic bucket or gallon Ziploc bag for fossils. Children will find the small garden shovels or claw tools work well. Hammers, chisels, and pry bars may be used. Penn Dixie recommends using safety glasses when pounding on the rock with a hammer. **A bucket of tools** -two hammers, a chisel and a pair of safety glasses may be rented for \$5, if they are not all rented out.
8. **Thousands of fossils** are lying on the ground waiting to be found and visitors are encouraged to dig and expose fresh bedrock which may contain the more perfect specimens as illustrated on this website.
9. **Everyone may keep all the fossils they find.** Penn Dixie would like to take photos or have photos of rare or unusual fossils collected from the site to include on the website for all to see. Photos may be emailed to [jbpendix@gmail.com](mailto:jbpendix@gmail.com). There is always an opportunity to find a **new fossil**, a new species, or unusually preserved specimen that would be of interest to those who collect fossils. The collector's name will be included with the photo of the specimens, unless otherwise advised.
10. Penn Dixie staff and volunteers attempt to maintain a **clean, safe, and family friendly environment** for all those who visit. Please help us maintain this goal when you and/or your group visit.
11. All Penn Dixie visitors are required to **sign-in**, including Penn Dixie Members. Penn Dixie members who visit the site during non-public hours are asked to call the Penn Dixie phone number (716) 627-4560 and leave a message that you are on the site and how many members are with you. Penn Dixie tracks the number of visitors and where they are from for our records.
12. Please respect **Penn Dixie Rules** - our request for no dogs, no bikes, no ATV's, no littering, no firearms, no archery, no alcoholic beverages, and help us by recycling any bottles, cans, and plastic water bottles. Visitors are permitted to bike to the site and use the bike racks available.