

Trip Difficulty Levels:

Handicap Accessible-this symbol () will be used to designate whether a trip is handicap accessible or not.

#Wheelchair Accessible-this symbol (#) will be used to designate whether a trip is wheelchair accessible or not.

If registering and using a wheelchair, motorized scooter, walker, service animal, caregiver, other assistive device or are in need of special assistance, please contact Inclusion Services at 360-487-7060.

Easy: No stairs, minimal standing or walking.

Moderate: Requires ability to stand or walk on uneven terrain, walk 8-10 blocks, comfortably climb a flight of stairs and stand for 30 minutes. More than one stop requiring getting on and off the van.

Difficult: Longer trip, frequent stops requiring getting on and off the van. Ability for extended standing, walking and/or stairs, may not include seating. Probably includes uneven terrain and challenging tours requiring endurance.

Please monitor yourself and truthfully determine your abilities. If you are exhibiting signs of distress, trips leaders are instructed to call 911.

Overnight Trips:

For detailed information regarding overnight trips, please call 487-7084.

Day Trip Expenses:

The cost advertised for day trips may be for transportation only.

You pay the cost of admission unless otherwise stated. Many trips advertise that admission costs will be collected in correct change at Luepke Center prior to departure.

Meals are at a designated restaurant with the group at your own expense unless otherwise stated.

Staff are not allowed to loan money to you for any reason.

Courtesy:

Please refrain from using perfume or scented lotions due to allergies.

Smoking and/or chewing tobacco are not allowed in or near the vans.

Please refrain from using cell phones on the van, at meals or while with the group.

Seating:

The front seat is always reserved for the 50+ travel escort.

Participants with registered special needs will be seated in the vans first.

Trips Cancelled due to bad weather:

You will be called if a trip is cancelled due to bad weather. You may also call the inclement weather line at 360-487-7065. Trips may be rescheduled or will be refunded.

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Program Mission:

You will meet new friends and see things you have never seen in the 50+ Travel Program! If you are age 50+, you could join us for affordable day trips, exploring attractions, events, festivals and culture in the Pacific Northwest.

Trips are planned and escorted by trained volunteers, and are offered in varying categories of difficulty.

Specific Trip Information:

Detailed information on trips is available in the monthly Senior Messenger and at www.seniormessenger.org. Trips are also listed at the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation website at www.vanclarkparks-rec.org

Fliers with trip details are posted at Luepke Center and Firstenburg Center. Marshall Community Center hosts a 50+ Travel Expo three times per year, detailing upcoming trips.

Program Staff:

All 50+ Travel Program drivers and escorts are trained volunteers. They have passed a Washington State Patrol background check and are members of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Registration:

Register for trips at 360-487-7100 or online at www.vanclarkparks-rec.org

Safety:

Trips use 15-passenger vans and wheelchair accessible vans that are owned, maintained and insured by the City of Vancouver. There are no bathrooms on the vans.

State law requires passengers to have seatbelts fastened when the vehicle is in motion.

The travel program is not responsible for the safety of your valuables even when in a locked vehicle.

While riding in the van please use soft voices so the driver is not distracted.

If we need to call 911 for you on a trip, we will notify your personal contacts. Any expense is your responsibility.

Age of Program Participants:

Our travel program is designed for adults age 50+. Those age 18-49 may register for trips with permission from the program director. Children age 15-18 may register with an adult with permission from the program director. Please call the program director at 360-487-7084.

Persons with Disabilities:

If registering for a trip and you use an assistive device, service animal, caregiver or are in need of special assistance you must register 10 working days before a trip departs in order to be accommodated. Please call 360-487-7060 for the required inclusion request form.

Departure and Return:

All trips leave from and return to Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. You must travel on the van with the 50+ Travel Program. Trips leave promptly at advertised times. Return time is carefully planned; however, is dependent on weather and traffic.

While on trips, you are responsible for returning at the designated time to the designated meeting site named by the escort. If a van has to return to Luepke Center without you, your return trip is your responsibility and at your expense.

Cancellation and Refund:

All cancellations must be made through the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation registration system. Upon cancelling, you relinquish your right to attend the trip. Cancellations must be made 5 working days before the trip to be eligible for a credit or refund. There is a \$5 processing charge for refunds.

Any trip that requires advance purchase of tickets is advertised as transferable to another person but non-refundable. No refund or credit can be given for that trip. However, you may transfer the trip to another person but must notify registration of the correct person's name. When the travel program cancels a trip, the fee is credited to the participant's account or refunded with no charge.