

PRIVATE TOURS OF EARTHAVEN

Email (outreach~at~earthaven.org) or call (828-669-7271) the Outreach Coordinator with any questions about tours or camping. Please plan your visit at least one week in advance.

Our regular **Earthaven Saturday Tours** take place two Saturdays each month at 10:00 am. Any visitors who cannot be accommodated by these Saturday tours must take a private tour.

Arrange your private tour **at least one week in advance** by emailing the Outreach Coordinator at *outreach~at~earthaven.org*.

Tours last 2 to 3 hours. Please plan on arriving 15 minutes early. If you arrive before your tour guide, hang out, and they will arrive shortly.

Private tours are identical to the Saturday tours in length and content. Tours can be tailored to **individual interests**. (But usually don't have to...most visitors get their needs for information met through a regular private tour.) For additional activities beyond the 2.5 to 3 hour tour, for an additional price, talk to the tour coordinator.

Tours happen rain or shine, unless roads are impassible due to ice or snow in the winter season. We'll try to call if we're canceling a tour due to weather conditions; **keep an eye on the weather**.

Private Tour Pricing:

Number of Adults	Price per Person
One	\$40
Two	\$25
Three or more	\$20

Children under 18 tour free with their supervising adult. The children policy does not apply to **student tours**, in which the tour consists of mostly visitors under age 18. In the case of a student tour (see **groups** below), the same pricing applies as for adults, with discounts available for larger groups.

Bring cash or check only.

Earthaven also offers **Group Educational Tours**, a customized experience for schools, universities, and groups. These tours are designed to provide learners with a deeper understanding about sustainable living in community. Some of the activities to choose from include panel discussions with members, land stewardship work projects, community celebration events, and specialized tours. **For group tour inquiries, contact the group tour coordinator at *grouptour~at~earthaven.org*.**

DIRECTIONS

Make sure you have **good driving directions to Earthaven**. See our website www.earthaven.org for exact mileage and instructions. Earthaven is located up steep and winding roads, where speed limits are often 20 miles per hour.

Cell phones do not receive reception at Earthaven. The nearer you get to Earthaven, the less cell phone reception there is, so call from the nearest town or Interstate exit if you need help en route.

Don't count on GPS to find us! Our address is 5 Consensus Circle, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Your GPS system may or may not know where we are. Please have written directions printed out in advance in case your GPS doesn't work. Keep in mind you will lose cell reception before you arrive so you will not be able to call for help.

Plan **one full hour driving time** from Asheville or Hendersonville; plan 30 minutes from the I-40 exits at Old Fort or Black Mountain. (We are 30 minutes outside of downtown Black Mountain!)

When you enter the Earthaven property, **come in half a mile, and park by the "Visitors Kiosk" and the "Peace Garden."** The tour will begin there.

WHAT TO BRING

Please do not bring pets to Earthaven.

For tours, we suggest **long pants and closed shoes or shoes with socks** to protect from our abundant poison ivy and occasional biting insects. Wear shoes you can get dirty; tour will include some walking on trails in woods and up and down hills.

Earthaven has **well water** at designated sources for our visitors. Also bring **any food** that you need. Remember that it may be 12:30 or 1:00 pm by the time the tour is completed, and it is a 30 minute drive to the nearest stores or restaurants.

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