Visitor Rules and Regulations

Welcome to the memorial!
Buchenwald is a place where countless crimes were committed, causing the suffering and deaths of thousands of people. We therefore request that you observe the following rules and regulations:

Please note:

- Visitors are requested to wear clothing appropriate to the memorial.

- Visitors are permitted to take videos, films and photos for private purposes, provided they do not disturb other visitors or infringe upon the personal rights of other visitors by doing so. Videos, films and photos taken at the memorial may be published in the print media or the Internet (social media, etc.) only with the consent of the foundation director’s office.

- The verbatim repetition of the contents of guided tours conducted by the memorial staff or persons working on behalf of the foundation, in whole or in part, in film, audio or printed form, in the print media or in the Internet is permissible only with the prior consent of the respective staff member(s) and/or the person(s) working on behalf of the foundation.

- Teachers, group leaders and legal guardians are responsible for the appropriate conduct of the children and adolescents accompanying them.

- We advise against visiting the memorial with children and adolescents under 14 years of age. In particular, children and adolescents under 14 years of age should not visit the exhibitions, the former detention cells or the former crematorium.

- For reasons of monument protection, not all paths in the former inmates’ camp are safe for pedestrians. Caution: there is a risk of accident if you leave the signposted paths. Please note that the foundation does not assume liability.

- The objects on view in the exhibitions are testimonies of irreplaceable value. Please do not touch them. Visitors are liable for all damages brought about by their conduct.

- Nearly all of the museum facilities are barrier-free. If you require assistance, please ask our staff at the visitor information service or in the exhibitions.

- The Buchenwald Memorial reserves the right to exercise its domiciliary rights and to refuse persons entry to the memorial and/or to exclude them from participation in an event. This applies in particular to persons belonging to parties or organizations that have called or call public attention to themselves with anti-democratic, racist or other comments contradictory to the foundation purpose.

Visitors are prohibited from:

- disturbing the peace of the dead in any way.

- violating the human dignity of others in any way.

- smoking, eating or consuming alcoholic beverages on the camp grounds and at the burial sites. Sports activities and accompaniment by animals (except guide dogs for the blind) as well as all means of transportation (except mobility aids) are likewise prohibited.

- using flashes or artificial light of any kind in the exhibitions.

- using media devices with loudspeakers. This also applies to radios in motorized vehicles.

- wearing clothing or symbols whose production or distribution has its basis in the extreme right-wing milieu.

The following activities are permitted only with the consent of the foundation director’s office:

- any form of commercial activity (photographs, film/video recordings, guided tours, etc.)

- the distribution of printed material of any kind

- the display or posting of posters or banners

- events and demonstrations

The memorial staff and persons working on behalf of the memorial are instructed to enforce the basic rules and regulations governing visits to the memorial. They are authorized to issue directives concerning conduct. Any person who does not comply with these directives can be barred from visiting the memorial. The visitor rules and regulations apply throughout the memorial grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.