Visiting the National Science Foundation Ice Core Facility (NSF-ICF)

You will soon be touring the NSF-ICF!

This one-of-a-kind ice core facility is located in the southwest section of the Denver Federal Center. To gain access into the Federal Center, all adults must bring a form of government issued identification, such as a U.S. state issued driver's license or official ID card. If you don't have a U.S. state-issued driver's license or ID, please bring your passport with valid visa.

The main visitor entrance is located at Gate 1. Entering "Denver Federal Center" into google maps, should guide you to Gate 1 of the Denver Federal Center. Go to the leftmost guard house and the guard will take your information. Tell the guard you are going to Building 810. The map below will guide you to NSF-ICF once you are cleared by security at the gate. NSF-ICF is located in Building 810 and tour groups may enter at Door S-29, located on the south side of the building.



Tours usually run between 45 and 75 minutes depending on the audience size, age, and the number of questions about the facility and ice core research. After an informational talk is given in our main conference room or warehouse, a brief walk-through in our freezer is provided. Temperatures in our freezer range from -11°F to -32°F! BRRR! To make this part of the tour more enjoyable, we recommend wearing closed-toe shoes, long pants, and a jacket. Gloves and hats are also recommended, but not required.

We look forward to giving you a tour of the NSF-ICF and spreading awareness of ice core research!

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