

Information for Visitors to ISCS's Masjid Al-Farooq

Visitors are welcome to visit the Islamic Society of Colorado Springs' mosque to observe our weekly congregational Juma service on Fridays. The service is held at our mosque/masjid, Masjid Al-Farooq, located at 2125 N. Chestnut, Colorado Springs, CO 80907. We have two services, the main service is from 12:15 pm till about 1:00 pm and the second service is from 1:15 pm till about 2:00 pm.

All visitors, groups and individuals, should notify us of their plans to visit by sending an email to iscs.info.contact@gmail.com with information about their proposed date of visit, purpose of visit, affiliation with church or organization, and approximate number of visitors. To avoid conflict with visits by other groups of visitors, please wait for confirmation that the request for a visit has been approved.

Visitors are required to sign in with their name and contact information and should wear name tags identifying themselves. Visitors should read the information below about the service and agree to the etiquette of the mosque and the service. Visitors not conforming to the etiquette will be denied entry or be asked to leave. Regular visitors to the mosque are exempt from signing in.

During the worship service: Please do not whisper, talk or move around unnecessarily during the prayer worship. Visitors are not required to participate in the prayer worship service. Please remain seated during the worship. Men and women worship in separate areas.

Parking: Please park in the ISCS parking lot; please do not park in front of neighbors' driveways.

Seating: Visitors, men and women, will be seated in the visitors' area, from where they can see and hear the service on the men's side. Visitors should arrive at least 10 minutes before the service begins to be seated, so they do not interrupt the service or cause a distraction. Visitors are not required to remove their shoes when seated in the visitors' area.

Dress: Men and women should be dressed modestly as appropriate for a place of worship. Men may not be dressed in shorts, and women may not wear mini-skirts, shorts, tight clothes, or blouses that reveal cleavage. Those dressed inappropriately for a place of worship may be asked to leave.

Behavior: Visitors are required to be silent during the entire service, and may not talk or use cell phones during the sermon and congregation prayers. Visitors may not enter the men's or women's prayer areas, or join in the congregational prayers, without permission of the officials of ISCS.

Handshake: It is etiquette for men to not shake hands with women, so women should not be offended if Muslim men do not shake their hands, it is out of respect.

Information about Islam: Visitors seeking more information about Islam should ask whoever is coordinating their visit to arrange for one of the more knowledgeable persons to speak to them before or after the service.

Literature, pamphlets, business: It is not permitted to distribute literature or pamphlets of any type without permission of the officials of ISCS. No business may be conducted on the premises.

Proselytizing: Some of the more knowledgeable members of the congregation will be glad to address questions of theology, but haranguing other members of the congregation will result in immediate expulsion, as will seeking their personal contact information.

Media: TV, radio and newspaper reporters and photographers must have express permission of the officials of ISCS to interview or photograph people, and must also have permission from people portrayed in photos or videos.

Glossary	
Islam	means submission to the will and commands of God. It is also the name of the religion.
Muslim	is a person who submits to God, one who follows the religion of Islam.
Allah	The Arabic name for the God of Abraham, the One True God Allah is another Semitic name for God, like Elaha in Hebrew or Alaha in Aramaic.
Muhammad	The fulfillment of God's blessing in the Book of Genesis to Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael, the prophet sent by God from the Arab descendants of Ishmael for all mankind.
Quran (or Koran)	The revelation from God to Prophet Muhammad, like the Torah revealed to Moses or the Gospel revealed to Jesus. Parts of it are recited in worship and sermons.
Mosque/Masjid	A mosque or masjid is a place dedicated to the worship of God.
Juma	The weekly Friday congregational service for Muslims.
Salat	The formal worship for Muslims performed at prescribed times five times a day, preferably in congregation.
Khutba	Sermon
Adhaan	The Muslim call to prayer before Juma and the five daily Salat.

The Friday (Juma) service	
Prerequisites	In order to understand the purpose and process of the service, it is recommended that visitors acquire some basic knowledge about Islamic beliefs and practices before attending the service.
Before the service	People will be performing short formal individual worship and then sitting down to read the Quran.
Service	The service consists of a call to prayer (azaan), followed by two short sermons (khutba) , in Arabic and English, followed by a short formal worship (salat) in congregation.
After the service	Some people will be performing short formal individual worship while other will be standing around talking.