



Minnesota History Center

A Social Story

Starting our visit



Minnesota History Center

I am going to the Minnesota History Center. When I get there, I will walk up the sidewalk and enter through the big glass doors.



Admission

I may have to stand in line to get my button for the museum. I will need to wear the button while I am in the museum.



Elevator or Stairs

When I have my button, I can take an elevator up to the third floor, or I can walk up the stairs.



Museum

There are many exhibits at the Minnesota History Center I can explore. In the exhibits I need to walk, stay with an adult and take turns with other visitors. It can be noisy in the exhibits or hallways. I can always ask to take a break.



Taking a Break

If I need to take a break, I can go to the Quiet Room next to the restrooms or sit on a bench in the hallway. Museum staff can help me find a place that works for me.



Restrooms

If I need to use the restrooms, there is one on every floor. Each restroom area has a drinking fountain if I get thirsty.

Exploring the exhibits



Open House

In this exhibit, I can explore a house and learn about the people that lived there. There are many things to touch and see. I will hear recordings of people telling stories as I walk through the house. If I sit on the bed, it will move and surprise me.



Weather Permitting

In Weather Permitting, I can try on boots and light up an ice palace. If I choose to visit the Tornado Basement, I will hear a radio and it will be dark. I will hear a pretend storm and loud weather noises. I can leave the basement at any time.



Minnesota's Greatest Generation

In this exhibit, I can play at a soda fountain or watch old movie clips. I will see a real armored car and airplane. If I choose to watch the show inside the airplane, it will be dark and I will hear loud noises and see flashes of light.



Then Now Wow

In Then Now Wow I can take apart a bison or visit a fur trade post and touch furs. I can visit a tipi or a prairie house. There is an activity where I can be an ox. There will be times when I may need to wait in line and take turns.



Then Now Wow: Mine

In the mine area of this exhibit, I can walk through an iron mine. It will be dark with very loud machine noises. I can wear a hard hat and drill or blast dynamite.



Then Now Wow: Performances

I might like to watch a live show when I'm in this exhibit space. If the show sounds are too loud, I can cover my ears. I stay in my seat during the show. If I have questions, I ask them quietly. At the end of the show, I can clap and talk to the performers.



Grainland

In Grainland, I can climb stairs and crawl through chutes and tubes. There may be many kids playing in the space at the same time. I may need to wait or share the space with others.

Showing museum manners



Museum Manners

I will remember to follow the rules at the Minnesota History Center. I have to stay with an adult, walk and take turns with other visitors.



Museum Staff

I can try to have lots of fun at the Minnesota History Center. If I have a question or get lost, I can ask the museum staff for help.

**We look
forward to
your visit!**