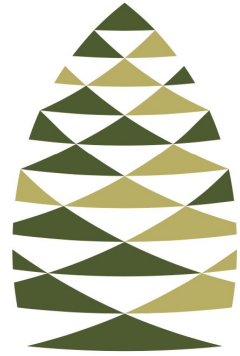


Forest History Center

A Social Narrative



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Welcome

I am going to
Forest History
Center today!



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Arrival

I enter the visitor center and buy a ticket at the front desk.

There are two accessible parking spots in the parking lot, 400 feet from the visitor center. Service dogs are welcome.



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Restrooms

There is a restroom at the visitor center.

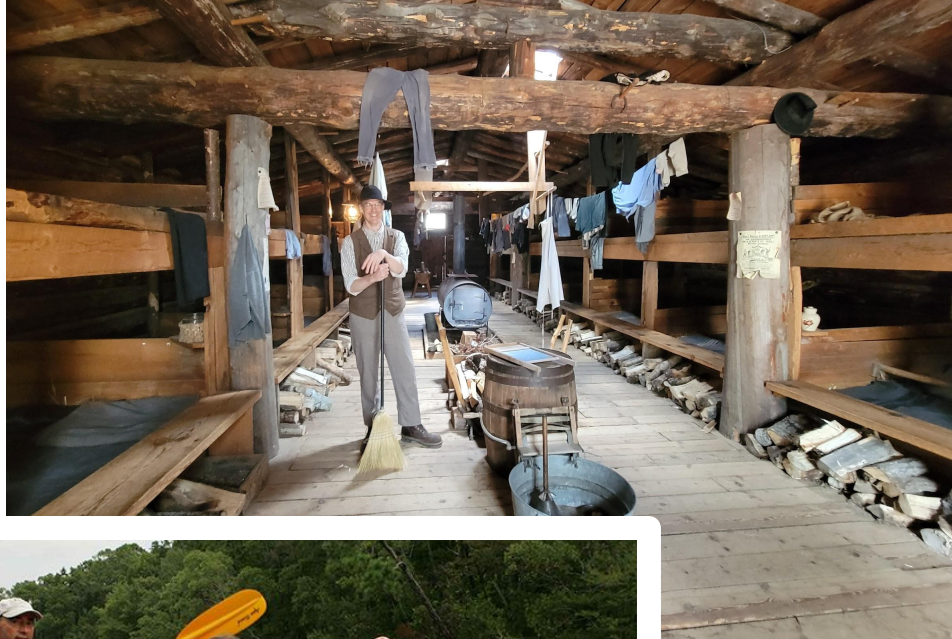
There is also a porta-potty near the logging camp in case I need it.



Overview

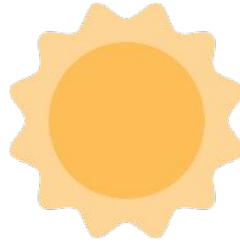
There is a lot to see and do at Forest History Center! I can spend time in the visitor center exploring the exhibits and shopping at the gift shop.

I can visit historic buildings at the logging camp. If I make a reservation ahead of time, I can go on a kayak tour or a horse-drawn trolley tour.



Weather

I will be spending time outside. I will need good shoes to explore the trails and visit the logging camp. It may be sunny, cloudy, or rainy.



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Forest History Center. I will stay with the people I came with and won't run. I will be a good listener so I can learn and stay safe!

I will be careful when around hot stoves, sharp tools, and horses.



Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me during my visit. They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear shirts with the Forest History Center logo, or they might be dressed up as if they are from a logging camp in 1900!



Moving around the site

I will be moving between the visitor center and the logging camp. We will use gravel and paved paths. I will be careful to look out for rocks and sticks. At the logging camp, I might have to step up or down to get into a building.



Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! There is a quiet space at the visitor center, or I can go outside for my break. Museum staff can help me find a space. I can relax until I am ready to continue my visit.



Changes

The historic site changes sometimes! It is fun to see new things.

If something is closed, it may be open next time!



Bunkhouse & cookshack

I will learn about the daily life of lumberjacks in the bunkhouse and cookshack. The lighting may be dim inside. It might smell smoky or like cooking food. I will be careful not to touch the hot stoves.



Camp office & filer shack

I will visit the camp office to learn about record keeping in the camp.

I'll visit the filer shack to see where the lumberjacks' saws get repaired.





Meeting the horses

I can go into the barn and learn about how horses helped in a logging camp.

It will smell like a real barn. I might get to gently pet a horse. I will be calm and quiet so I don't scare them. I can watch from the doorway if I'd like.



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Blacksmith shop

There will be a coal-burning forge, which smells smoky. I will be careful not to touch the sharp tools. It might be loud when they hammer the metal.

I can cover my ears or stand further away.



River wanigan

I can see the river
wanigan. This building is
floating on the river but
will stay tied to shore.



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Fire tower

If the weather is nice, I can climb to the top of the fire tower. The tower is 100 feet tall. There are 126 steps to the top of the tower. I need to wear proper footwear to climb, like sneakers or boots. The view from the top is beautiful!

I will see trees and the Mississippi River.



Trails

There are lots of trails to explore the woods! Trails range in length from 1 mile to 3 miles. I can see a variety of different trees and plants. At the visitor center, I can pick up a brochure to help me learn about the woods as I go.





Exhibit

In the visitor center, I can explore the exhibit. I can learn about forests, logging, and see the stories of real people. I will respect other visitors by using my inside voice.



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Fire theater

I can go into the fire theater at the visitor center. We will watch a show about a forest fire in a town called Cloquet. It might look like real fire, but it is not real, and we are safe. The sound might be loud, and the room might be dark.

I can leave if it is too loud for me.





Kayak tour

If I made a reservation, I can go on a kayak tour! The kayak tour is 90 minutes long. We will kayak down the Mississippi River. I will wear a life jacket; this is important so I stay safe. It might be warm and sunny. My feet will get wet; my hands might get wet too. I will paddle carefully so I don't fall in the water.



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Horse-drawn trolley tours

I might go on a horse-drawn trolley tour!
The tour is 90 minutes long. A museum staff member will teach me about the history of the site. I will hear stories about the Northwoods. The trolley ride might be bumpy.



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Museum store

I can go to the museum store to buy a souvenir to remember my visit.



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Lunch

If I brought a lunch, there is a picnic area for us to use.

Snacks and bottled water are available for purchase in the visitor center.



Goodbye!

When my trip is over, I will
leave Forest History
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**We look forward
to your visit!**



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