

Mill City Museum

# A Social Narrative



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# Welcome

I am going to  
Mill City Museum!



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# Overview

During my visit I will learn about water power, milling, and the growth of Minneapolis.

I can explore exhibits, watch a movie, ride the flour tower, and do activities in the baking and water labs.



# Entering the museum

When I get there, I will take the stairs or ramp and enter through the main doors.

Many people come to the museum every day. When I enter the building, it might be noisy.



# Ticket desk and museum store

I will begin my visit by getting a ticket at the store. I may have to stand in line. My ticket is a sticker that I need to wear while I am in the museum.



# Restrooms

There are restrooms on every floor of the museum. Single stall All Gender Family Restrooms are located on Levels 1 and 3.

I can ask a staff member for help finding a restroom.



# Museum manners

I will stay with people I came with, walk while inside the museum, and listen to staff.

There might be other people in the museum when I visit. Following these rules helps them enjoy the museum as well.



# Museum Staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my trip. They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear aprons with the Mill City Museum logo.



# Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! There a quiet space for me to use. A staff member can help me find it.

I can relax until I am ready to continue my visit.



# Exploring Mill City Museum



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# Elevator or stairs

When I have my admission sticker,  
I can visit the exhibits!

I can take an elevator or I can walk  
down the stairs past the boxcar.

During my visit, I'll be traveling  
between several floors of the  
museum. There are several  
elevators - one has glass walls.



# Museum

In the exhibits I can see historic objects, read their stories, and try the hands-on activities. I will stay with my group and take turns with other visitors.

It can be noisy in the exhibit areas. I can always take a break.



# Water Lab

I can explore the water lab and learn about Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls) and the Mississippi River.

When we are in the Water Lab, I might get wet. I may have to wait my turn.



# Baking Lab

I can go into the Baking Lab and learn about wheat and flour.

There may be baked goods like bread or brownies to try. I should check with staff about the ingredients to make sure it's okay for me to eat.



# Flour Tower

I can choose to ride the Flour Tower at the time on my ticket. The Flour Tower is an elevator. I will sit in it to see a show about a flour mill. There will be special effects with loud noises and lights.

The show lasts 12 minutes. Once the show begins, I cannot get off the elevator.



# Observation Deck

I can go to the 8th floor and to the Observation Deck. I can take the stairs up after the Flour Tower experience or I can choose to go up in the glass elevator.

There I can view the Mississippi River from outside or inside if the weather is bad.



# Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat

I can watch the short movie  
“Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat”.

The room will be dark to watch  
the movie. The movie has a few  
loud sounds. The movie lasts 19  
minutes.





# Outdoor Ruins

If the weather is nice, I can explore the ruins of the mill. I will stay off the rocks in the ruins.



# Changes

The museum changes sometimes!  
It is fun to do new things.

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



# Goodbye!

When my visit is over,  
I will leave Mill City Museum.



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**We look forward  
to your visit!**



# Questions?

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