

Minnesota History Center

# A Social Narrative



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# Welcome

I am going to the Minnesota  
History Center today!



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# Overview

There is lots to see and do the Minnesota History Center.

I can explore the core and changing exhibits, shop in the gift store, and eat at the cafe.



# Arrival

When I get there, I will take the sidewalk and enter through the big glass doors.

I will go down the long hallway past the cafe to get to the ticket desk.





# Admission

At the ticket desk, I will check in for my visit. I may have to stand in line to get my wristband for the museum. I will need to wear the wristband while I am in the museum.



# Elevator or Stairs

To see the exhibits, I will go  
up to the third floor.

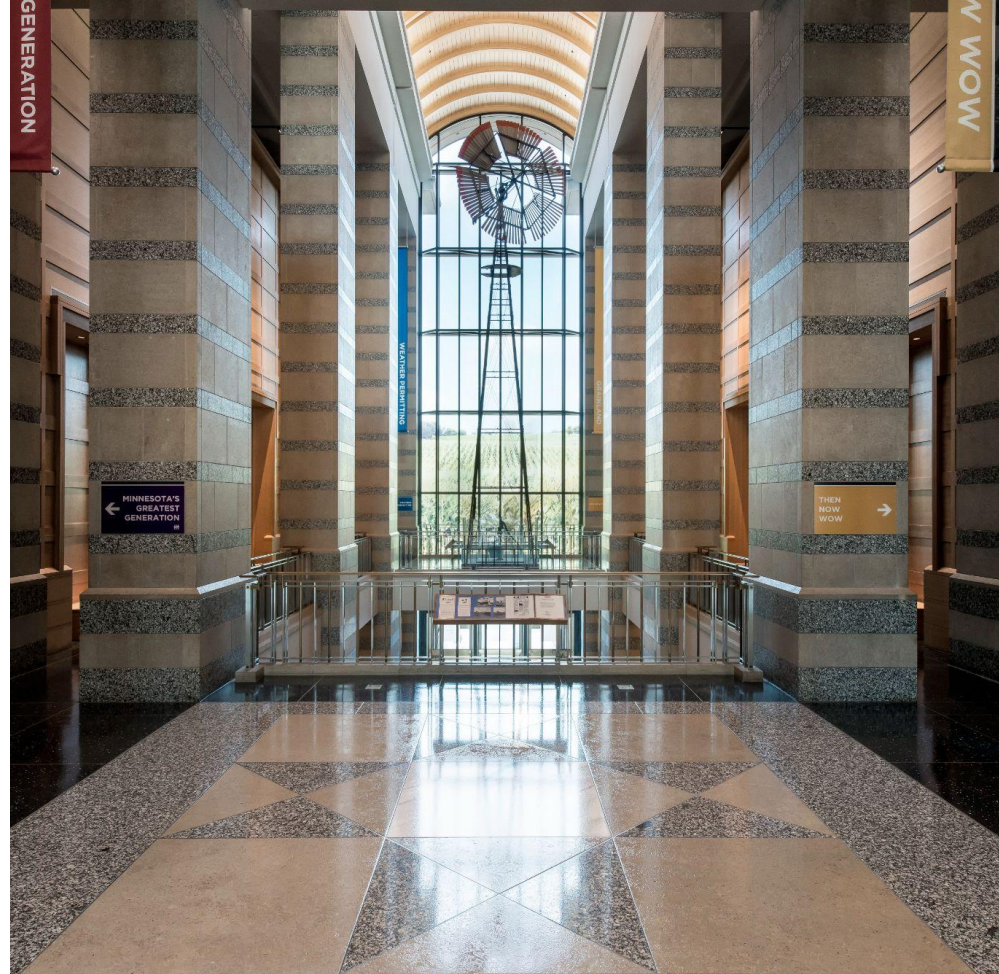
I can walk up the stairs or  
take the elevator.



# Museum

There are many exhibits at the Minnesota History Center I can explore. In the exhibits I need to walk, stay with my group, and take turns with other visitors.

It can be noisy in the exhibits or hallways. I can always take a break.



# Taking a Break

If I need to take a break, I can use a quiet room or sit on a bench in the hallway.

I can find a quiet room on the 2nd floor by the Library or 3rd floor in the Minnesota's Greatest Generation exhibit.

Museum staff can help me find a place that works for me.



# Restrooms

I can take a break to use the restroom. All public restrooms include accessible facilities and diaper-changing stations.

All-Gender Family Restrooms are available on all public floors.

Some restroom areas have a drinking fountain if I get thirsty.



# Exploring the exhibits



## *Our Home: Native Minnesota*

In this exhibit, I can learn about the Dakota and Ojibwe people in Minnesota. There are many things to see and hear. I will hear recordings of people telling stories as I go through the exhibit. If I need a break, I can sit and watch videos or put together a puzzle!



## *Weather Permitting*

In *Weather Permitting*, I can try on boots and light up an ice palace.

I can use a wind machine to make things spin. I might have to wait my turn.



## *Weather Permitting* Tornado Basement

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 and flashing lights. 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 can pack World War II ammunition shells.

I will see a real armored car and airplane.



## *Minnesota's Greatest Generation Airplane Show*

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.

The show talks about the experiences of people who went to war. I may have to wait to go inside if there is a line.



## *Then Now Wow*

In *Then Now Wow* I can take apart a life-sized bison model or explore a fur trade post. I can visit a tipi or a sod house.

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 loud machine noises and flashing lights.

I can wear a hard hat and pretend to drill or blast dynamite!



# Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to do new things. If something is closed, it may be open next time!

The Minnesota History Center gets new exhibits every year. If I come back, I might see something new!



# Showing museum manners



# Museum Manners

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



# Museum Staff

If I have a question or get lost,  
I can ask the museum staff for help.

They wear name tags to help me  
identify them.



**We look forward  
to your visit!**



# Questions?

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