Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post

A Social Narrative



Welcome

I am going to Mille Lacs Indian Museum today!



Overview

There is lots to see and do at Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post.

I can see the exhibits, spend time in the Four Seasons room, visit the Trading Post, and explore outside along the shore of Lake Mille Lacs.



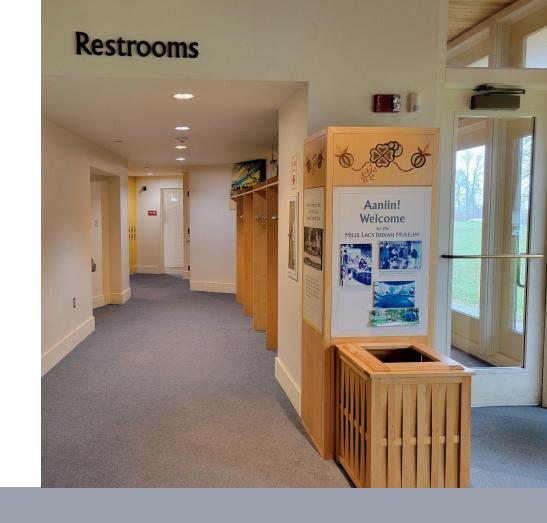
Arrival

I will take the paved sidewalk to the museum. I will go to the front desk to get my ticket. The front desk is in a large open space at the front of the museum. This space can be bright if it is sunny out. Wheelchairs are available for me to use while on-site.



Restrooms

There are accessible restrooms and a water fountain near the back of the museum. I will go down a long hallway lined with pictures and windows.



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Mille Lacs Indian Museum. I will stay with people I came with, walk while inside the museum, and listen to staff. I will protect the items in the museum by following the signs and looking instead of touching. 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 shirts with the Mille Lacs Museum and Trading Post logo.



Taking a break

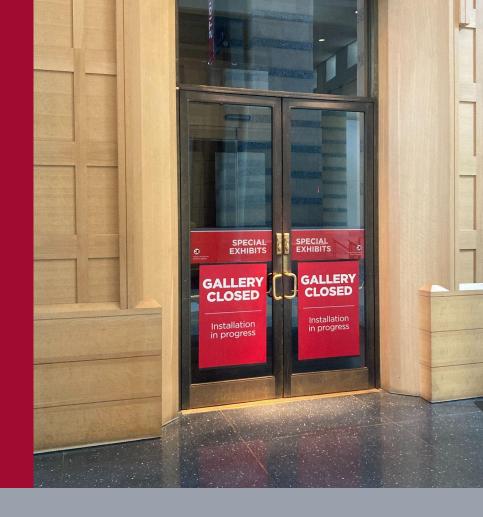
If I need to take a break, that is okay! There are quiet spaces around the museum. I can relax until I am ready to continue my visit.



Changes

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

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



Exhibits

At the museum, I can learn about the history of Mille Lacs Band and their culture and lives today. I will see pictures, artifacts, and interactive activities.

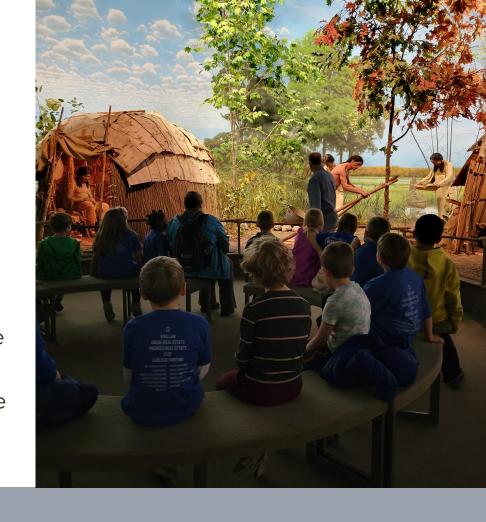
I will hear the sound of videos in the exhibit. I can watch the videos or listen to audio. If it is too loud, I can move to a different area of the museum.



Four Seasons Room

If I go into the Four Seasons Room, I will learn about how the Mille Lacs Band lived in the past and which practices they continue today. I will see their homes, their food, and the tools they used.

I might hear or see a crackling fire; the fire is not real! The people in the exhibit are not real either, but are modeled after Mille Lacs Band members and dressed in historic clothing.



Trading post

I can visit the trading post. I will use an outside paved path to travel from the museum to the trading post. The first room is an exhibit about the history of the trading post at Mille Lacs. I can explore here or enter the store to the left.







Shopping

I can shop at the trading post. The trading post is bright and has lots of different items in it. Some items in the trading post are fragile, so I will look before I touch.





Activities

Sometimes there are activities or workshops I can participate in. There is often an added cost and sometimes I have to sign up in advance. I can ask a staff member for information if I'm interested.

Picnic

If I purchase a snack from the trading post or bring a lunch with me, there are outdoor picnic tables and a picnic shelter to sit at.



Goodbye!

When my visit is over, I will leave Mille Lacs Indian Museum.



We look forward to your visit!

Questions?

Visit our website at mnhs.info/public-sn-millelacs, call, or email.

Phone: 320-738-0760

Email: millelacs@mnhs.org