

Minnesota History Center

A Social Story



MINNESOTA
HISTORY
CENTER



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 wristband for the museum. I will need to wear the wristband while I am in the museum.



Elevator or Stairs

When I have my wristband, 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 Parents Room next to the restrooms in the Minnesota's Greatest Generation exhibit 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. 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 that live in Minnesota. There are many things to see and hear. I will hear recordings of people telling stories as I walk 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. 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 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 life-sized bison model or visit a fur trade post. I can visit a tipi or a prairie 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!



Then Now Wow: Trivia Games

I might like to join a trivia game 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 host.



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!**