

The Show Path

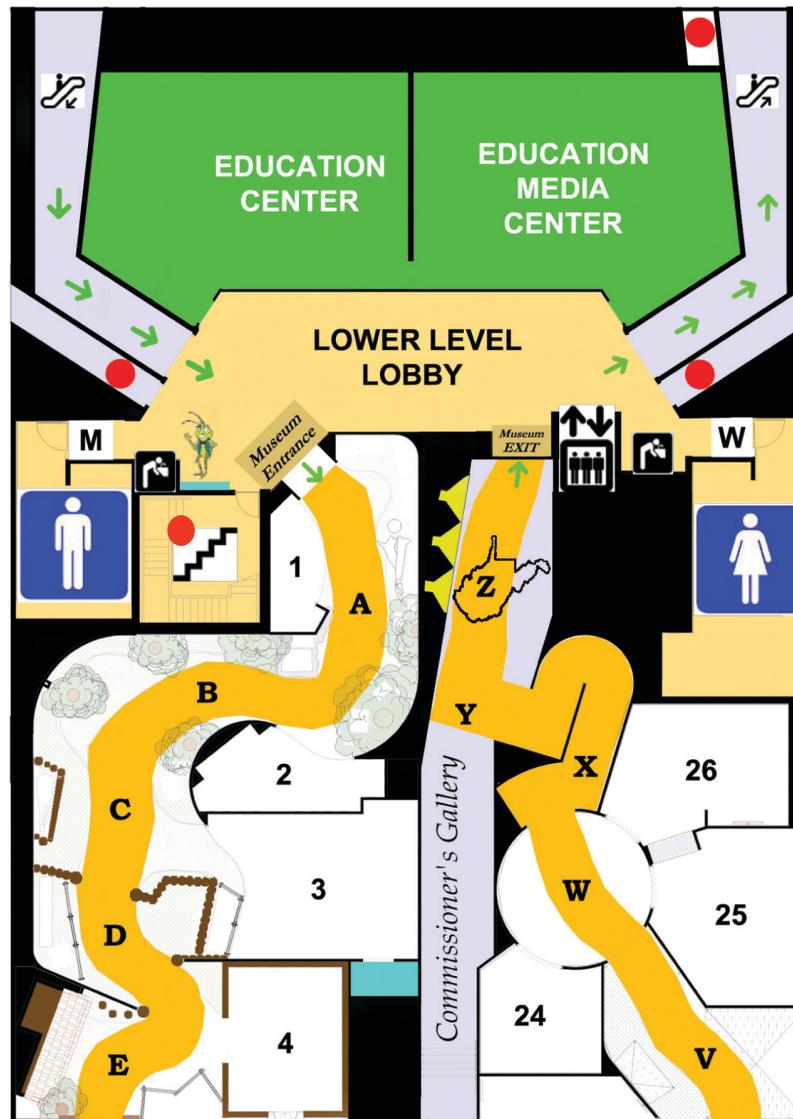
PREHISTORY 1650-300 M BC
FRONTIER 1860-1754
CIVIL WAR & THE 35TH STATE 1899-1861
INDUSTRIALIZATION 1945-1900
CHANGE AND TRADITION 21ST CENTURY-1954

- A – Coal Forest
- B – River Plains
- C – Wilderness
- D – The Fort
- E – Cabin and Barn
- F – Harpers Ferry
- G – Battle of Philippi
- H – Philippi Bridge
- I – Wheeling Intelligencer
- J – Wheeling Docks
- K – Building the Rails
- L – Company Town
- M – Coal Mine Entrance
- N – Coal Mine
- O – Miners House
- P – The Still
- Q – Main Street, West Virginia
- R – Soda Shop
- S – Abandoned Coal Tipple
- T – The Open Road
- U – New River Gorge
- V – Fairs and Festivals
- W – A West Virginia Scrapbook
- X – “What West Virginia Means to Me”
- Y – Commissioner’s Gallery
- Z – Finale

- EMERGENCY EXITS
- ESCALATOR DOWN
- ESCALATOR UP
- ELEVATOR

South Connections Room
–Pre-1900–
 Collections Area
 Goff Library

North Connections Room
–1900 to present–
 Collections Area
 Museum Library

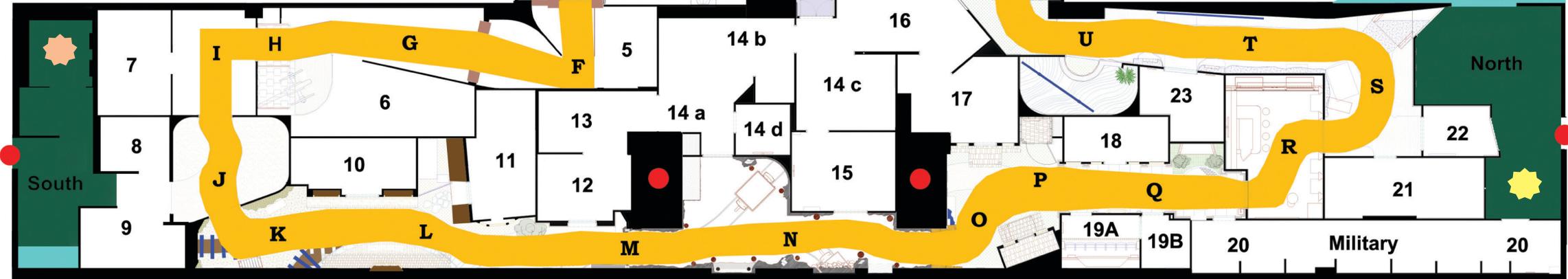


- MEN'S RESTROOM
- WOMEN'S RESTROOM
- WATER FOUNTAIN
- DRESSED FLEAS EXHIBIT

Remember to visit the West Virginia State Museum Store located on the Main Level of The Culture Center.

Discovery Rooms

- 1 – An Ancient Land
- 2 – Prehistoric People
- 3 – Conflict and Settlement
- 4 – Frontier Life
- 5 – John Browns Raid
- 6 – The War within a State
- 7 – The Case for Statehood
- 8 – The Big City
- 9 – The Family Farm
- 10 – The Company Store
- 11 – Changing Roles of Women
- 12 – Trains and Railroads
- 13 – Boats and Rivers
- 14 – Industrialization
 - 14a – Oil & Gas
 - 14b – Glass, Pottery, Steel & Metalworking
 - 14c – Chemical & Timber
 - 14d – Industry Film
- 15 – The Mining Life
- 16 – The State Capitol
- 17 – It's Not All Work
- 18 – The Great Depression
- 19A – The West Virginian Theatre
- 19B – The Mine Wars
- 20 – West Virginia at War
- 21 – Late 20th Century
- 22 – Celebrating West Virginia
- 23 – From Here to There
- 24 – Painting and Sculpture
- 25 – Legacy of Craftsmanship
- 26 – Traditions of Music



MUSEUM TIPS AND GUIDELINES

When you visit the West Virginia State Museum, you will see carefully collected items that represent our state's land, people and culture. Many of the pieces were donated by people who value them and their place in our state's history. Donations to the museum may be made by contacting the West Virginia Division of Culture and History at (304) 558-0220.

We ask each visitor to be respectful of this property and follow a few guidelines that will help us care for the collection entrusted to us.

- Please dress comfortably and appropriately for your museum visit. The show path features different walking surfaces, to help represent the different time periods.

Therefore shoes are required.

- Only certified service guide animals are allowed in the Culture Center and the museum.
- Food and drink are not permitted in the exhibit areas of the Culture Center or West Virginia State Museum.
- The Culture Center is a smoke-free building.
- For the safety and protection of our young visitors, it is recommended that children under the age of thirteen visit the museum with an adult.
- For your comfort and the protection of the collection, running and rowdy behavior are not permitted.

Please be respectful of our artifacts and scenic elements. Touching them puts them at risk.

Reproductions of any kind for commercial purposes are strictly prohibited.

Photography and Videography is also strictly prohibited throughout the museum.

GUEST SERVICES

We want your visit to the museum to be as much fun as possible. For that reason, the Culture Center offers several free services for your convenience.

- Backpacks, umbrellas, balloons, large tote bags and packages make walking through the museum difficult and are not permitted there. You will find lockers in the Museum Shop where you can store your belongings until your tour is over.
- School groups have separate assigned storage areas for keeping their belongings together.
- Small strollers are permitted in the museum. If you do not have one, please ask the Guest Services Desk to check the availability of one of the museum's complimentary strollers.
- Mobility devices are available, free of charge, at the Guest Services Desk. They are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The museum has special flooring and some space limitations along the show path. If you have your own mobility device, it should have pneumatic wheels, a short turning radius and be no more than 38" in length.
- Guest Services will be around the Museum to help you in any way possible and to help answer any questions you may have.
- Comment cards are available at the front desk.

Please visit our other West Virginia Division of Culture and History museums located throughout the state.

- Independence Hall in Wheeling, WV
- Grave Creek Mound in Moundsville, WV
- Jenkins Plantation Museum in Lesage, WV
- Camp Washington Carver in Clifftop, WV
 - Museum in the Park in Logan, WV

Visit our web site for more information on these other museums.

The West Virginia State Museum

Map and Guidelines

West Virginia State Museum
hours of operation

Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday
Noon - 5 p.m.
Closed Monday

Admission is free

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