

IMPORTANT AREAS



RESTROOMS

LOWER LEVEL (LL)

Men's - Near the Down Escalator

Women's - Near the Up Escalator



WATER FOUNTAINS

Located on the Lower Level near each restroom



GIFT SHOP

Located on the Main Level across from the State Archives Reading Room.

Open Tues - Sat
9AM - 4:30PM



EDUCATION CENTER (CLASSROOM)

Located on the Lower Level near the Down Escalator



EDUCATION MEDIA CENTER (SMALL THEATER)

Located on the Lower Level near the Up Escalator and across from the Elevator



PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Personal belongings (and packed lunches!) are stored securely in designated bins assigned at check-in



LUNCH

During fair weather, groups typically dine on the plaza deck of the Culture Center. In the event of inclement weather, groups dine in the Great Hall.

***Check with your field trip leader regarding lunch arrangements. Lunch arrangements may vary.*

GREAT HALL/MAIN LEVEL (1)

Men's - Behind Guest Services and to the right

Women's - Behind Guest Services and to the left

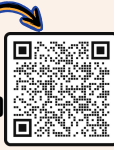
Family Restroom - Behind Guest Services and to the left



ELEVATOR

An elevator with service to all floors is available near the Men's Restroom on the Main Level.

SCAN TO VIEW
MUSEUM MAP
(LOWER LEVEL)



SCAN ME

DIRECTIONS & INFO FOR BUSES



WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM

Culture Center (Building 9)
State Capitol Complex
1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25305

DIRECTIONS

From the Interstate, use **Exit 99** (Greenbrier St/State Capitol) onto I-77/I-64.

Entrance to the State Capitol Complex is located at the intersection of Greenbrier Street and Washington Street E at the traffic light. Family vehicles/cars should turn **LEFT** at the guard shack to proceed to metered visitor parking.

BUS DROP OFF/PICK UP

Unload and reload buses at the Bus Turnaround Loop, accessed by turning **right** at the guard shack.

BUS PARKING

All buses will need to park at Laidley Field. From the bus turnaround, head **WEST** onto Washington Street East and turn right at the light onto Elizabeth Street. Cross over the railroad tracks and take an immediate left into the lot for bus parking. Please park inside the ticket booth fenced area.

Scan the QR Code for additional bus procedure information at the WV State Capitol Complex



WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM



ON THE DAY OF YOUR VISIT

Teacher's Guide

TIPS & TRICKS

Welcome to the West Virginia State Museum and State Capitol Complex! We are excited for you to enjoy a day full of learning. Here are a few tips to help you have a great time!

ABOUT THE FIELD TRIP

The West Virginia State Museum is located within the Culture Center at the State Capitol Complex in Charleston. There's a lot to see and do while you're here! That being said, we suggest:

- Wear comfortable shoes
- Dress in layers. Some parts of our museum can be a bit chilly!

THE ESSENTIALS

- Upon arrival, everyone will visit our check-in station where personal belongings will be securely stored. Items like backpacks, large bags, etc. can be put in the bins or left on the bus.
- Take a look at our Museum Etiquette. Don't forget to review it with students!
- It's pretty much a no-touch museum, but there are several interactive opportunities. Look for touchscreens, play buttons, and artifact drawers designed for deeper exploration.
- In some areas, lighting is kept at a low level to help preserve artifacts.
- You don't have to have all of the answers. Encourage students to look for the answer on our informational signage, ask follow-up questions, or ask a staff member!
- Once you've reached the simulated coal mine, you're about half way through the museum.
- There's a West Virginia cutout on the floor at the **end** of the museum. This is a good place to gather and make sure you've got everyone.
- There are exhibits on every level of the Culture Center.

MUSEUM ETIQUETTE (OUR DO'S & DON'TS)

Thank you for assistance in making sure that **everyone** visiting the museum has a wonderful time. If you have any questions, please let us know.

DO...

- Enjoy exploring over 6,000 artifacts on display representing the land, people, and culture of our state. Take your time! There's a lot to see.
- Be respectful of others visiting the museum. Talk at a normal or quiet level
- Turn OFF your flash before taking any photos or videos
- Provide adult supervision of all visiting groups and children under the age of 13. We recommend one adult per every 10 students at minimum

PLEASE DO NOT...

- Touch artifacts or scenic elements
 - Artifacts and scenic elements are hands off. Did you know? Our hands produce oils and carry residue that can eventually damage art and artifacts if enough people touch the work.
- Bring food or drink into the museum or exhibit areas.
- Run or engage in rowdy behavior/horseplay.
 - Museum security cameras are placed throughout the museum. Staff are also present to ensure that this expectation is met.
- Use flash photography

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Want some help making conversation? Use one of our sample questions to get the conversation going!

- What do you already know about West Virginia's history?
- What was the first thing you noticed here?
- How do you think people lived differently back then compared to today?
- What's the coolest thing you see?
- Imagine you were living during this time. What would the hardest part be? The most fun part?
- Does this remind you of anything you've learned about before?
- What has been your favorite part so far?
- Why do you think the museum chose to display this?
- If you could add one more thing, what would it be?
- If you could step into one of these exhibits and time-travel, where would you go?

VISIT AGAIN

West Virginia State Museum

The Culture Center, State Capitol Complex
1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25305

Open Monday - Saturday
9AM - 5PM

Admission is free
wvculture.org