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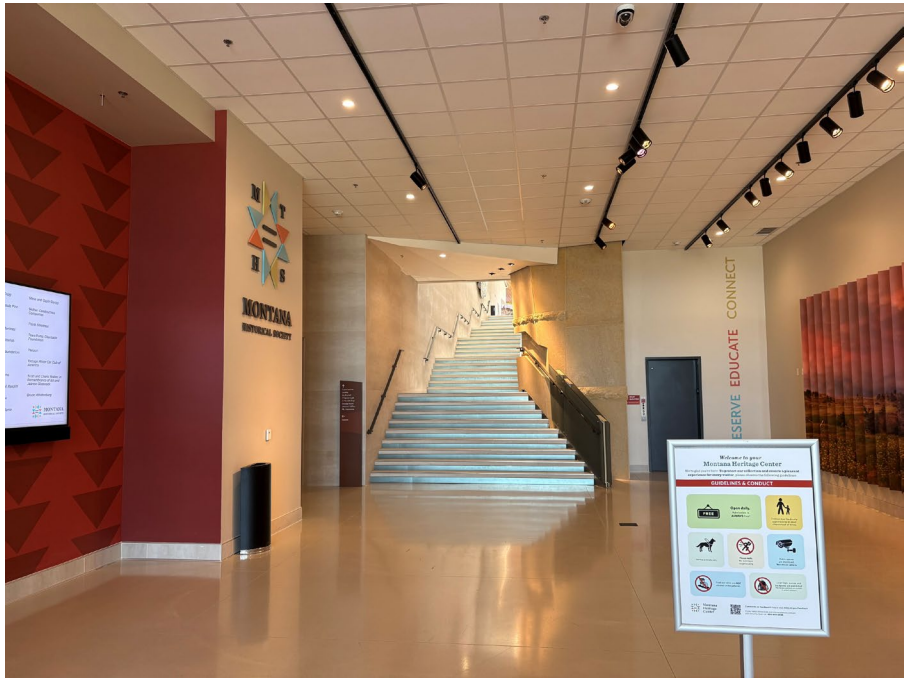
Montana Heritage Center Social Narrative

General Expectations

- I will use my indoor voice when I am I the museum and exhibits.
- I will walk when I am in the museum.
- I will stay with my group or family when I am in the museum.
- I will take turns and share the exhibits with others.
- I will not take food or drink into the exhibits.
- I will look for signs or ask if it is okay to touch something first.
- I understand that the museum is free and that I am welcome here.

Welcome to the Montana Heritage Center!



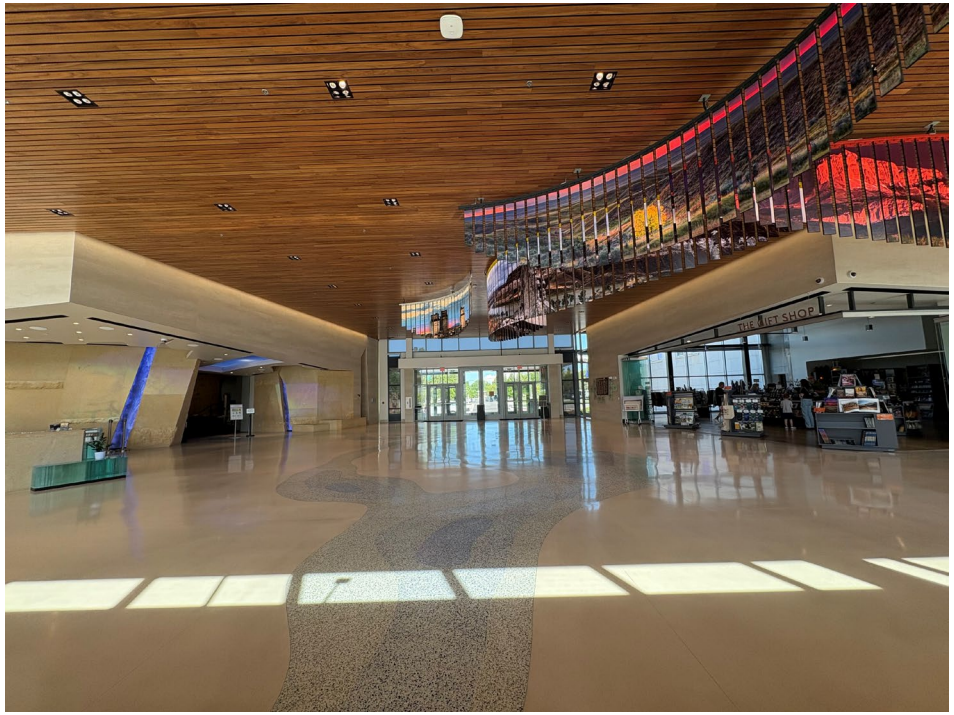




- If I enter the museum at the North entrance, I will see a large stone overhang. There will be blue stairs inside that lead to the lobby. To my left, I will see an elevator that will also take me to the main floor.

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- If I enter the museum at the West entrance, I will see some stairs and lots of windows. I will see the Gift Shop and colorful photos inside.

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- If I enter the museum at the East entrance, I will see flags representing Montana's eight sovereign tribal nations. I will see lots of windows and colorful pictures inside.

Central Commons

Loudness Level: 2



- In the Central Commons, I will see the security desk. If I have a question, I can ask the staff there.

Central Commons

Loudness Level: 2



- In the Central Commons, I will see the tour desk. If I am here for a tour, this is where I will meet my tour guide.

Sensory Kits



- I can borrow a Sensory Kit at the security desk. The kits contain noise-dampening headphones and fidget toys.

The Gift Shop

Loudness Level: 2

(The Gift Shop plays music outside of low-sensory hours.)





- In the Central Commons, I will see the Gift Shop. The Gift Shop has T-shirts, books, magnets, and many other souvenirs. I can look around the Gift Shop with an adult.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 3

(This exhibit contains ambient noise such as thunder, birds and animal sounds, audio stories, a bell ringing, a train horn, horses galloping, wind blowing, and rushing water. During low-sensory hours, many of these sounds will be turned off.)





- I will look for signs throughout the exhibit before touching something. Green signs mean that I can carefully touch something. Red signs mean not to touch something.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 3



- I will see audio stations throughout the exhibit. I can choose to listen to them if I want to.



- I will see many pairs of shoes at the beginning of the exhibit. I will also see some videos throughout the exhibit.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 3





- I will see animal bones and skulls. I can carefully touch these if I choose to.
- I will see a tipi. I can sit in the tipi and listen to the audio stories if I choose to.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 2





- I will see the Indigenous Languages film area. This is a quieter spot to rest if I need to take a break.



- I will see a bear after the Indigenous Languages film area.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 3





- I will see animal pelts. I can gently touch these if I choose to.
- I can see the train routes that light up and hear different sounds if I choose to lift the flaps.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 4







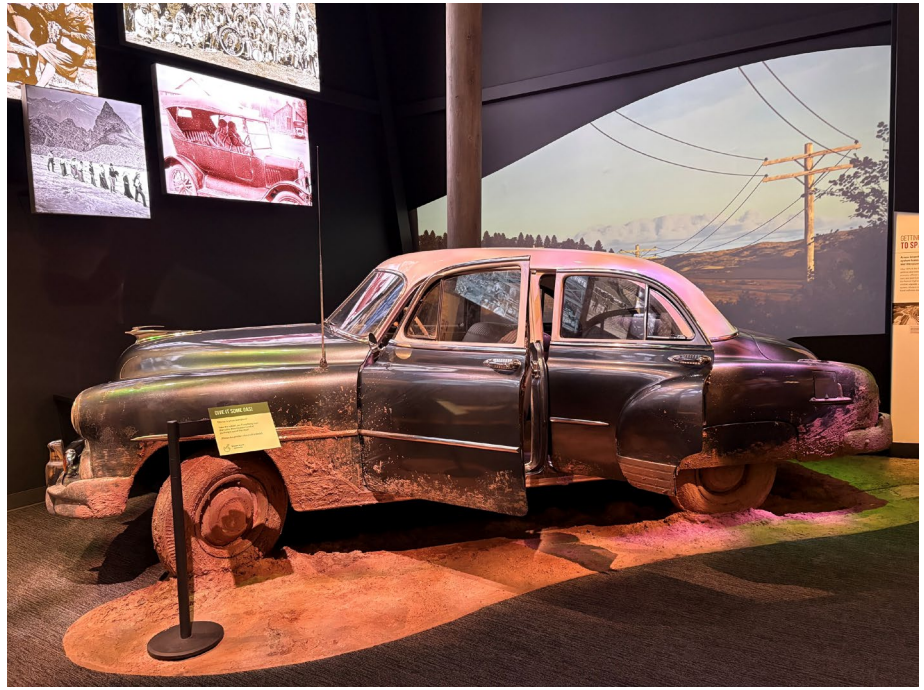
- I can participate in the mineshaft exhibit if I want to. This exhibit shows what it was like to go down the mineshaft like the workers did. There is a large screen that shows a video. This video has the sound of a dynamite explosion. There is a countdown to the explosion so I will know when it will happen.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 3



- I will see the Homestead Shack. I can enter the shack and watch a video if I choose to.



- I will see an old green car. I can sit in the car and gently pretend to drive it if I choose to. I can also try to push it out of the mud.

The Homeland Gallery

Loudness Level: 3





- I will see the Tribal Nations Lodge. I can watch a video inside of the Lodge if I choose to.

The Russell Gallery

Loudness Level: 1

(This gallery contains ambient noise near the entrance that accompanies the animated paintings)





- I will see many paintings and other artifacts. I will stay an arm's length away from the art and I will not touch the paintings. I can complete a scavenger hunt using a pencil. I will not use pens in the gallery.

The Russell Gallery

Loudness Level: 1



- I will see a model of Charlie Russell's horse, Monty. I can look at Monty, but I will not touch him.

Changing Gallery: The Poindexter Collection

Loudness Level: 1





- I will see many paintings. I will stay behind the line on the floor, and I will not touch the paintings. I can complete a scavenger hunt using a pencil. I will not use pens in the gallery.

What if I have a question or need assistance?



- I can ask at the security desk or ask a staff member. They usually wear blue lanyards, a MTHS vest, or a nametag.

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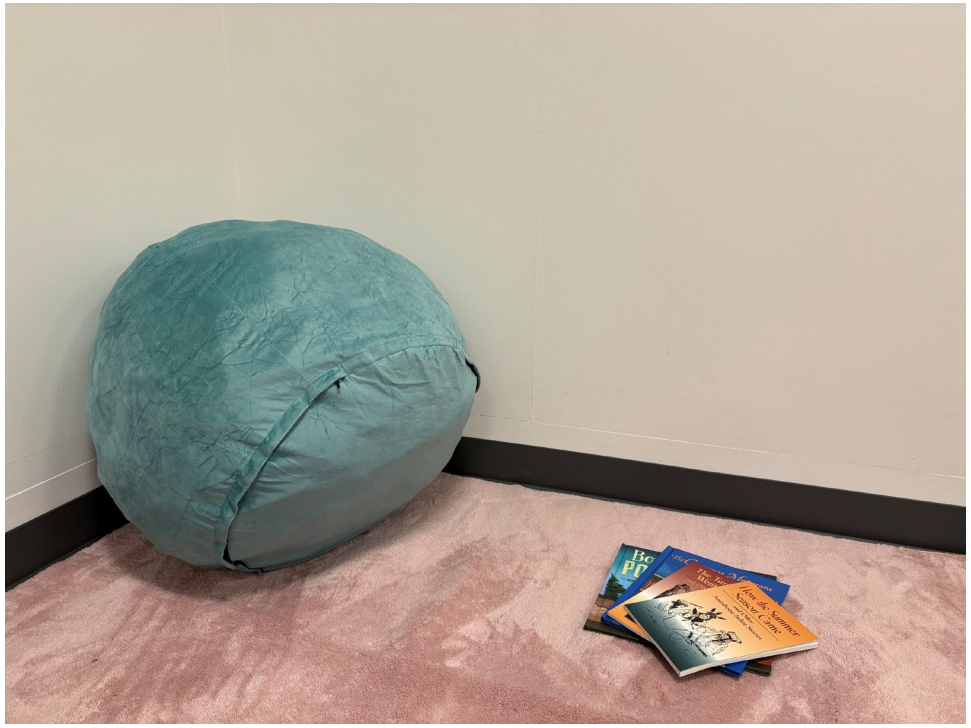
- I can ask at the tour desk. I can also contact the tour staff before my visit, and they can meet me at the door and show me around the museum.

What if I need mobility assistance?



- I can borrow a wheelchair, walker, or stroller to use during my visit. They are located at the entrances. I can also ask a staff member if I need help locating these items.

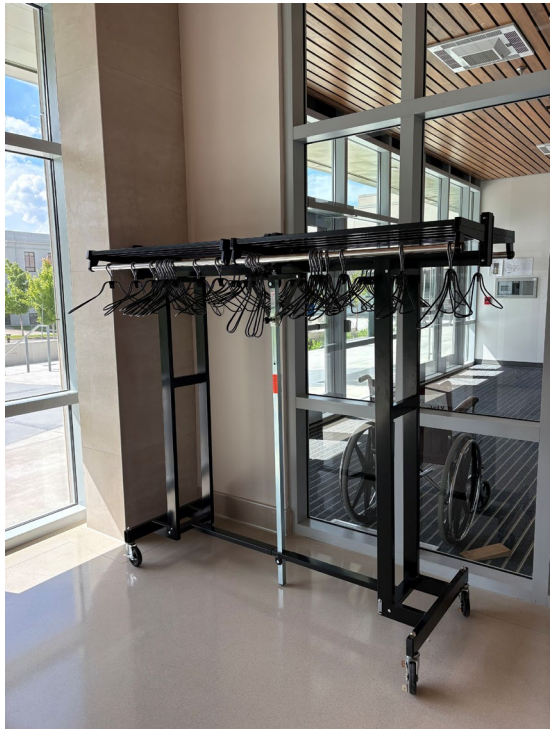
Are there quiet areas available?





- If I visit during low-sensory hours, a quiet decompression area will be available in one of the classrooms on the main floor. If I visit outside of those hours, I can go to the Care Room or sit in the historic lobby.

Where can I store my items?





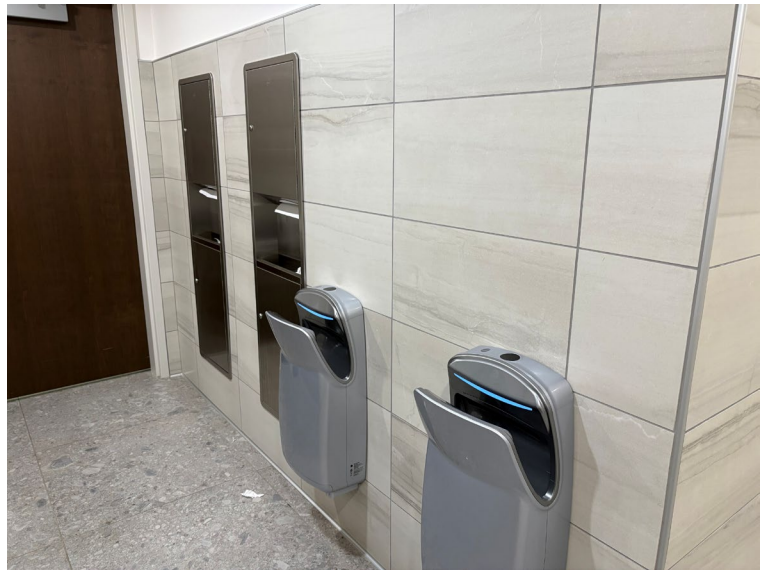


- I can store my items on the coat racks, in the free storage lockers in the Central Commons, or the free storage lockers in the historic lobby.

What are the restrooms like?

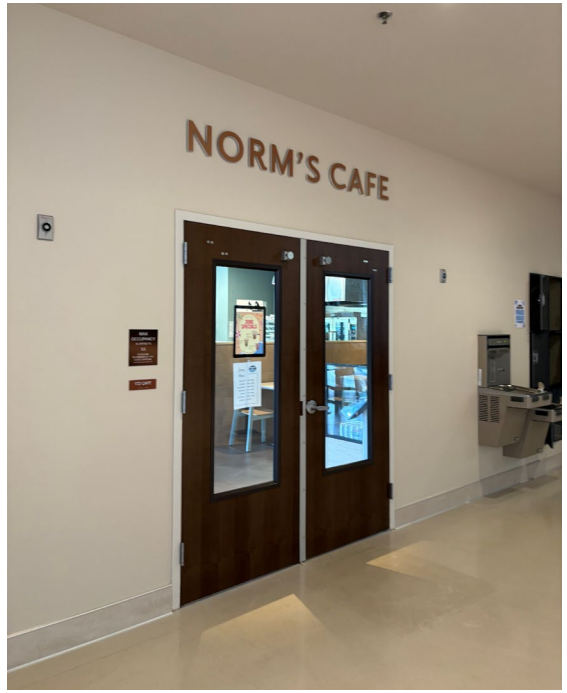






- All restrooms are equipped with automatic flush toilets, faucets, and soap dispensers. There are both paper towels and automatic hand dryers available. The hand dryers make a loud noise. There is an infant changing area in the family bathroom, which is located by Norm’s Café.

Where can I eat?







- If I am hungry, I can get food at Norm's Café near the security desk. I can buy baked goods, sandwiches, coffee, or other items. I will eat in the café or outside. I will not take food or drink into the exhibits.