

## **When in Central New York, Take a Tour of the historic building that houses The Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology, 311 Main Street, Utica NY 13501**

**Welcome to one of the most unique museums in the world, housed in an historic building!** The self-guided or docent-led tour is interactive and fun as visitors explore and experience exclusive exhibits that tell the story of our museum's history, the historical building we're housed in, and Central NY history— past, present, future.

**What to see:** The tour starts on our 4th floor, viewing Transportation exhibits including Train, Fire & Police artifacts. View NASA's "History of Exploration" exhibit and find out what you'd weigh on our interactive Space Scales! Gaze in wonder at the Shuttle, Lunar Lander, Mars Rover exhibits. Enjoy interacting with Science exhibits. Wander our Hot Wheels Hall. Youngsters take "a ride" in our airplane (which flew out of local airport). Adults view our Drone airplane (1 of 3 in the world).

The tour continues on the 3rd floor. View the antics of our Living Science room critters. Check the current statistics in our Weather Room. View our Mohawk Valley History Wall, featuring the settlement by cultures from the 1800's to the present. Listen to live radio over WCML in our Radio Room. View the train and Lego exhibits and try your hand at them! Read about inductees in our Int'l Halls of Fame. Enjoy our amazing Lionel Train and ceramic Christmas Village exhibit!

Next, we head to the 2nd floor. We begin by touring our Iroquois Longhouse, enhanced by interactive kiosks. Our NYS History Diorama details the Mohawk Valley from birth on. View our Erie Canal exhibits, our Toys B.C. (Before Computers), including from generations ago, + our doll & clown collections. View our Musical Stage; try out our LED Play Dance Floor! View NYS official fossil on display. Enjoy our Fossil Dig Center & our Dinorama, which covers the history of dinosaurs.

Our tour goes next to our 1st floor, where we view the two-story Exploration Space with its many stores, and PlaySpace for toddlers. Push the buttons on our Saturn car to see how it all works. Drop some coins into our Hyperbolic Funnel. Talk into our Echo Tube. Enjoy our Shadow Wall and Funhouse mirrors. View the beauty of our original oak staircase and decorative tin ceilings. Enjoy a snack in our Café Room. Your experience at our historic site ends with an opportunity to enjoy the Museum Shop, complete with unique gifts, souvenirs, and memorabilia.

**The Visitor Experience:** The main entrance fronts on Main Street, in downtown Utica's historic Bagg's Square East. The five-story historic building has 24,000 square feet of exhibit space and is completely handicapped accessible. We have welcomed thousands of visitors from every state in the nation, and numerous countries. The museum has a ramp on the side of the building leading to a side door, an elevator to all floors, benches or chairs on each floor with wide aisles.

**Opening times:** The museum is open 9:15am-1:45pm five days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, except for after Sept. 1 to mid-Oct. & Jan. 1 to mid-Feb. when we're open three days a week (Monday, Thursday, Saturday). – check online calendar.

**Group Size:** a maximum of 25-30 persons per guided tour is recommended. Reservations are required. Self-guided tours can be of any size. Groups then re-visit floors they'd like to see again.

**Chaperones:** 1 adult chaperone is required for every 6 children & must remain with their groups.

**Nametags:** it is recommended your group wear nametags for guided tours, since engaging visitors in conversation is easier when docents can address them by name.

**Tour Length:** the tours, with museum highlights, last approximately 30 minutes. Most visitors spend two to three hours viewing and interacting with exhibits.

**Cancellations:** If you must cancel, call 315-724-6129 at least 48 hours prior for staff notification

**Admission:** Admission to the museum is \$8. Seniors; \$9. Adults. Special group rates available.

**Parking:** The Museum has parking in the lot kitty-corner from the museum for cars, parking for busses next to the museum, with limited spaces reserved for handicap parking on the street.

**Participation materials:** Pre & Post activities available for groups booking guided tours.

**Manners:** While interaction is encouraged, remind your group to walk through; keep voices low; don't touch exhibits behind ropes. Food & drink not allowed on the floors, only in 1st floor Café. Bathrooms & changing tables on 1st floor. Limited Photography for souvenir purposes allowed.

**The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology**  
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**To book a tour, contact the museum or email the Director.**

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## **NYS TOURS / VISITS/ EDUCATIONAL/FAMILIES/SENIORS**

### **Offered in our NYS & Federal designated historic building**

#### **Pricing Guidelines**

Visits/Tours include admission to the Museum (with its 4 floors of interactive exhibits). All Visit/Tour groups receive a self-guided explanatory map. Visit/Tour groups may also, for an additional price, request a docent to give their group a guided tour. Reservations are required for all group visits and tours. These can be scheduled by calling 315-724-6129 or filling out our request form on our website at [www.museum4kids.net/](http://www.museum4kids.net/) or emailing us at [marlenebrown@roadrunner.com](mailto:marlenebrown@roadrunner.com) (*Coupons not valid with group pricing*).

#### **VISITING OUR MUSEUM ON AN INDIVIDUAL/RETAIL RATE:**

General Admission to the Museum..... \$9.00 per adult / \$8.00 per senior / \$7.00 child

#### **VISITING OUR MUSEUM FOR A SELF-GUIDED TOUR w/MAP**

\$7.00 per person in groups of 10-19 (visit only, pre-booked, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$6.00 per person in groups of 20 or more (visit only, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$5.50 per person in groups of 50 or more (visit only, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$5.00 per person in groups of 75 or more (visit only, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

(One adult chaperone required for every five students. Additional chaperones pay visit rate).

#### **VISITING OUR MUSEUM WITH A GUIDED DOCENT TOUR**

\$8.00 per person in groups of 25+ (visit & tour or program, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$7.50 per person in groups of 50+ (visit & tour or program, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$7.25 per person in groups of 75+ (visit & tour or program, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$7.00 per person in groups of 100+ (visit & tour or program, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

(One adult chaperone is required for every ten students. Every other chaperone will be admitted at no cost.

Additional chaperones pay the visit/tour rate). Tour bus officials & bus drivers admitted free.

#### **ATTENTION: A 48 hour notice MUST be given if you should need to cancel.**

Otherwise a \$1.00 per person fee will apply.

**GUIDED TOUR:** View information on our brochure or on our website.

**LUNCH AVAILABILITY:** For safety reasons, food & beverages are not allowed on the floor or in our exhibit areas. Visitors may eat bag lunches in our 1st floor Museum Café (if another group hasn't booked it) or on benches in Baggs Square Park next door (weather pending), or on benches on covered Train platform next door. Restaurant facilities are also available at several local restaurants.

**HISTORY:** One of the oldest children's museum's in the country, we were organized in 1963 by the Junior League. The former John C. Heiber Dry Goods Building is a five story brick building, constructed at the turn of the century. Research details it once drew visitors who came on the train from as far away as Albany and Syracuse to shop for dry goods. The interesting Romanesque Revival exterior remains as imposing as ever, and the charm of the period remains inside with its decoratively paneled central oak staircase, an original glass and wood paneled office, and fourteen foot high ceiling sheathed in fancy pressed tin. Each of the five floors contains approximately 6,000 square feet of exhibit and program space. We are located in the historic Main Street district of downtown Utica between majestic Union Station and Baggs Square Memorial Park, home of Baggs Tavern, originally a log house founded in 1794 by Moses Baggs. Guests included General George Washington, General Lafayette, Henry Clay, and General Grant. The location, near the ancient fording place of the Mohawk River and the sites of Old Forts Schuyler and Stanwix, houses the only permanent exhibit of the history and origins of the Mohawk Valley. We are the only Children's Museum adopted by both NASA and the Office of Science, offering "An Enjoyable Educational Experience for Kids from 1 to 101" – with 4 floors of interactive exhibits. We're a member of MANY (Museum Association of New York) and the National Association of Museums in Washington, D. C., of the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Oneida County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Chambers of Commerce of Clinton, New Hartford, and Marcy. We're earthly headquarters for [rotaryclubny1.com](http://rotaryclubny1.com)