

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 Oneida Co. airport). Adults view our Drone airplane (one of three 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: Bicycling, Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking and view their artifacts and exhibits.

Next, we head to the 2nd floor where 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. Try your hand at Karaoke on our Musical Stage, or in the Fossil Dig Center. View NYS official fossil on display. Enjoy 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. 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, plenty of room in aisles for wheelchairs.

Opening times: The museum is open from 9:45am to 2:00pm on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday (in order to explore all floors, no admissions allowed one hour before closing).

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. Chaperones are responsible for youngsters' conduct & adherence to museum rules, & must remain with their groups at all times.

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 \$9. Adults; \$8. Seniors. 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.

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To book a tour, contact the museum.

For further information, contact Executive Director Brown

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/ or emailing us at info@museum4kids.net (*Coupons not valid with group pricing*).

VISITING OUR MUSEUM ON AN INDIVIDUAL/RETAIL RATE:

General Admission to the Museum..... \$9.00 adults; \$8.00 seniors; \$7.00 children

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

\$6.50 per person in groups of 25 or more (visit only, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

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\$5.50 per person in groups of 75 or more (visit only, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$5.00 per person in groups of 100 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

\$9.50 per person in groups of 25+ (visit & program, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

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\$8.00 per person in groups of 75+ (visit & program, 1 chaperone free for every 10 paid)

\$7.00 per person in groups of 100+ (visit & 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).

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. Groups of at least 30 who book visits or tours may eat at our 1st floor Museum Café. Groups of over 30 may eat at special tables on our 3rd Floor. **Catering** –If you are interested in having us cater your meal or luncheon, please let us know a week prior to your visit so we may plan accordingly. Café Menu is on our website. Restaurant facilities available at local area restaurants by pre-booking.

HISTORY: Located in historic Bagg's Square area, 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. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're the only Children's Museum adopted by both NASA and the Office of Science. We offer "An Enjoyable Educational Environment 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. In 2007, it was declared a NYS and Federal Historic Building.