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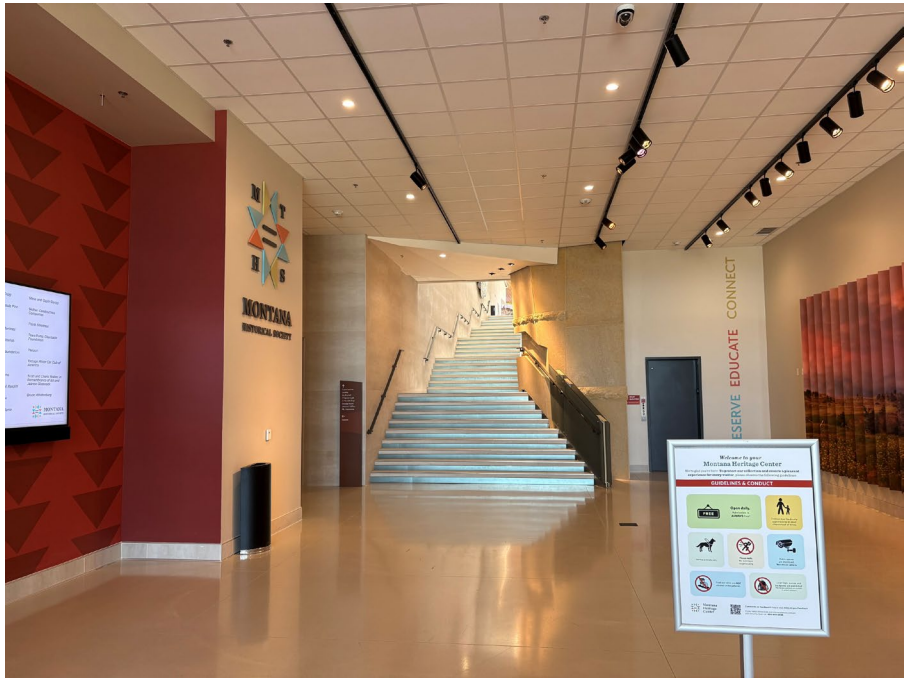
Montana Heritage Center Social Narrative

General Expectations

- I will use my indoor voice when I am in 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!



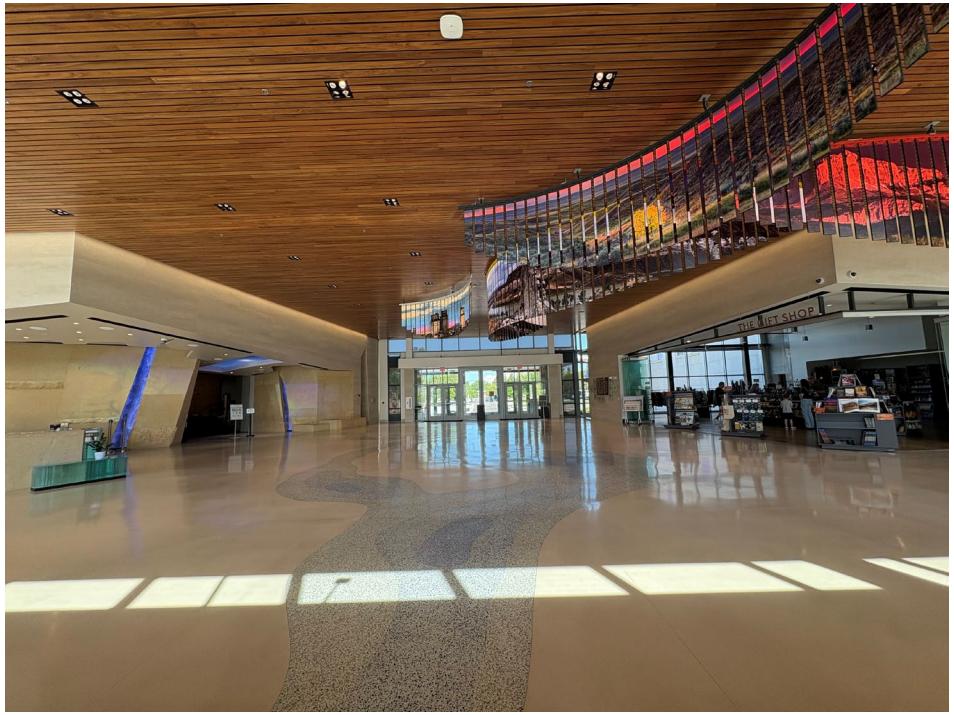




- If I enter the museum at the North entrance, I will see a large stone overhang. There will be blue stairs inside that lead to the lobby. To my left, I will see an elevator that will also take me to the main floor.

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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







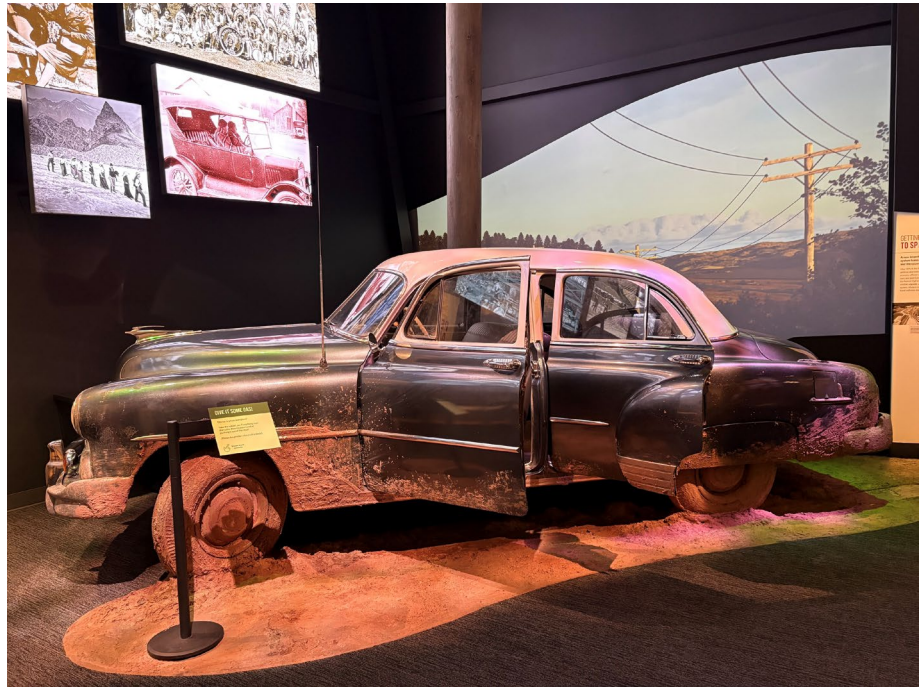
- I can participate in the mineshaft exhibit if I want to. This exhibit shows what it was like to go down the mineshaft like the workers did. There is a large screen that shows a video. This video has the sound of a dynamite explosion. There is a countdown to the explosion so I will know when it will 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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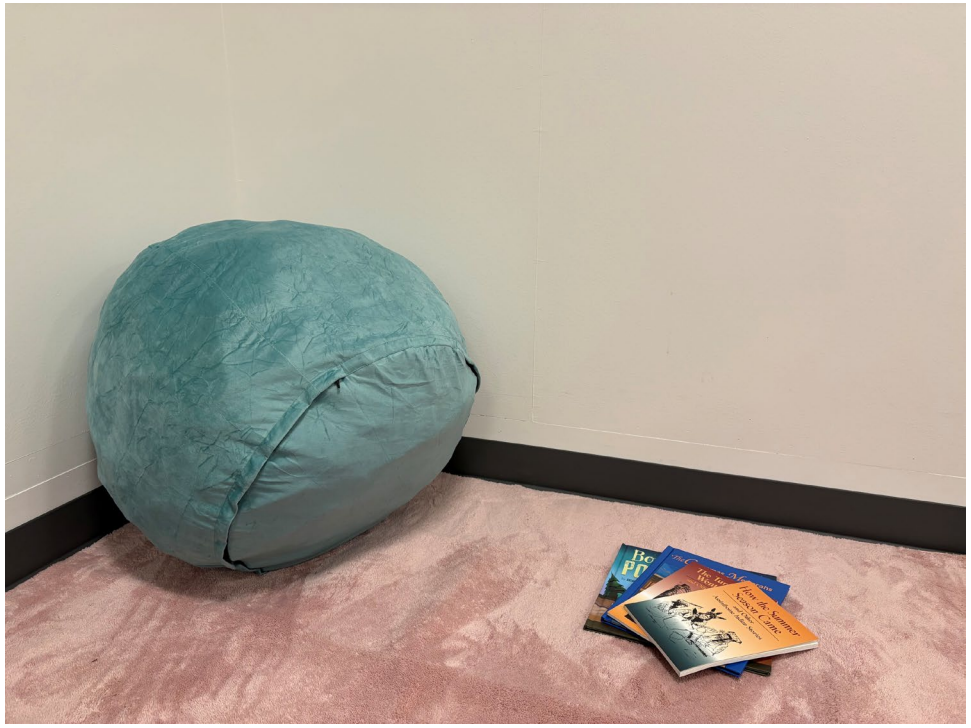
- I can ask at the tour desk. I can also contact the tour staff before my visit, and they can meet me at the door and show me around the museum.

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.

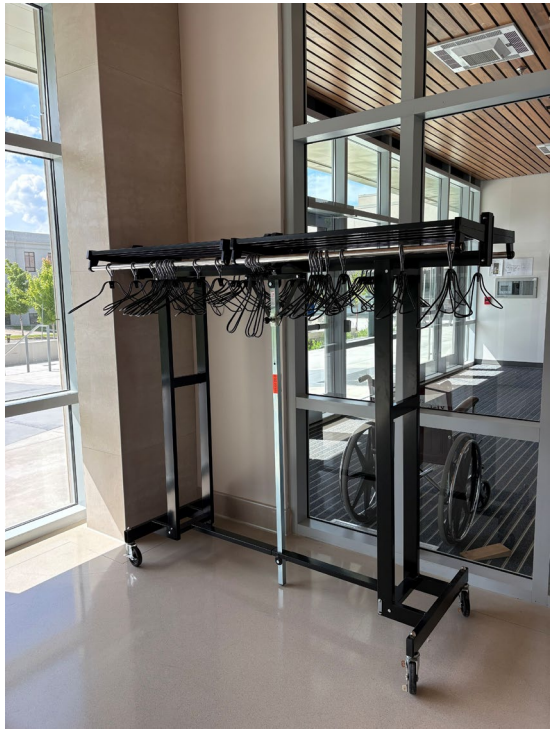
Are there quiet areas available?





- 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?



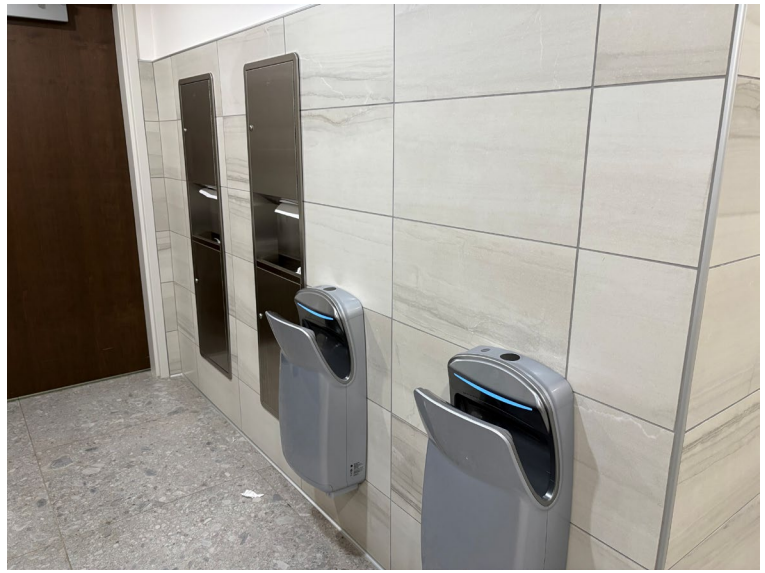


- I can store my items on the coat racks and in the free storage lockers in the Central Commons near Norm’s Café.

What are the restrooms like?

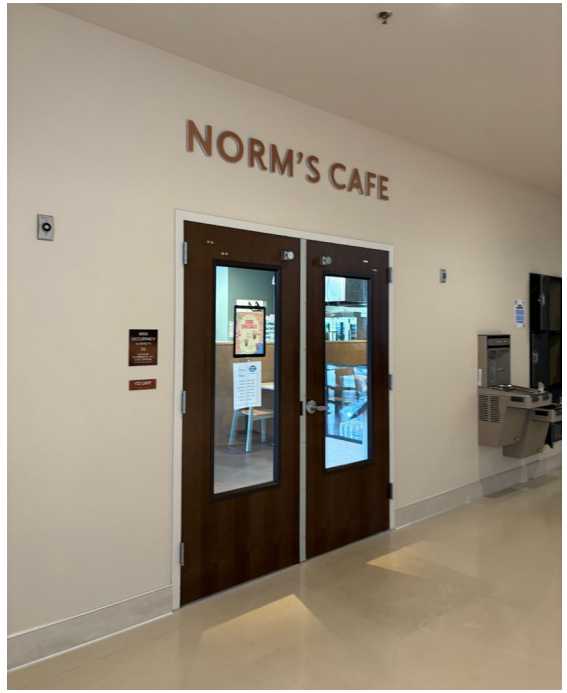






- All restrooms are equipped with automatic flush toilets, faucets, and soap dispensers. There are both paper towels and automatic hand dryers available. The hand dryers make a loud noise. There is an infant changing area in the family bathroom, which is located by Norm’s Café.

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.