

Historic Forestville

A Field Trip Social Narrative



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Welcome

I am going to Historic
Forestville today!



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Overview

I will explore Historic Forestville! I will see a store, a house, barns, and nature. I will learn and do fun activities. I might get to use old items when the tour guide tells me I can.



I will hear a bell ring when it is time to switch activities.



Arrival

The bus will park at a picnic shelter. I will travel with my group down the path and across the bridge. I will hear gravel crunch as I move on the path. I will see trees and a river. I might see birds and flowers.

If I have to use the bathroom, I can go into the visitor center.



Storing our backpacks

I will leave my backpack on the bus. It will stay there until my field trip is over.

I will tell an adult if I need something from my backpack.



Restrooms

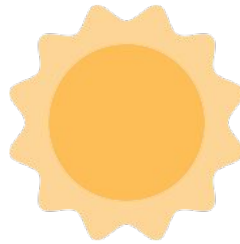
There are restrooms in the visitor center.

If I need to use the restroom during my field trip, I can tell an adult.



Weather

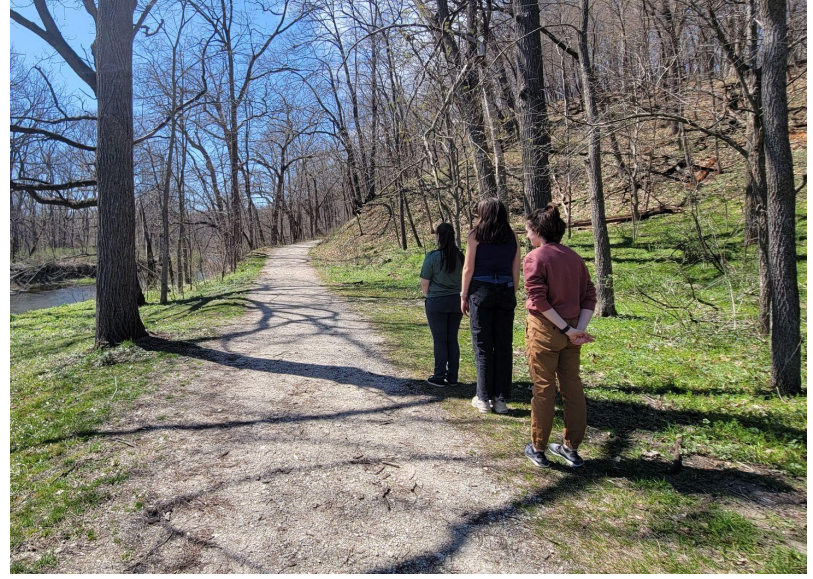
I will be spending time outside.
I will need good shoes to explore. It may be sunny, cloudy, or rainy. Our group will still spend time outside! If it is too rainy, we might do our activities in the barn.



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Historic Forestville. I will stay with my group and only touch things that the tour guide tells me to. When I am exploring Historic Forestville and the park, I will leave everything where it is. If I see flowers, rocks, or sticks, I can look with my eyes.





If I see a horse...

I might see a horse walking on the path. I will step to the side and let the horse walk past me. I will use a quiet voice, stand still, and keep my hands to myself so the horse feels safe and happy. These rules keep me safe.



Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip.

They can answer my questions.
Museum staff wear green or grey shirts.



Moving through Historic Forestville

I will move between different
buildings at Historic Forestville.

The ground will be uneven in
some places. I will travel on
gravel, stone, and grass.



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Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! I can sit on a picnic table with my adult. It is quiet and peaceful there.

I can relax until I am ready to rejoin my group.



Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to do new things. If something is closed, it may be open next time! We might not see every room, but we will see lots of cool things!





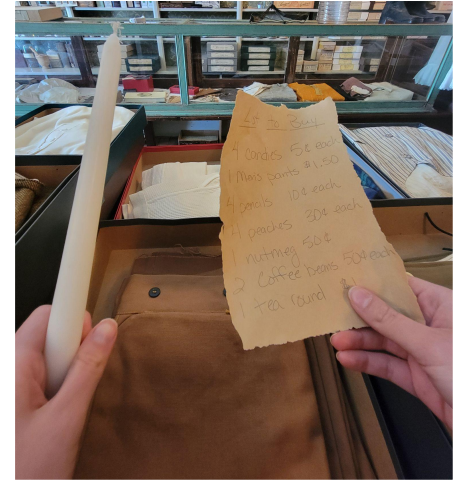
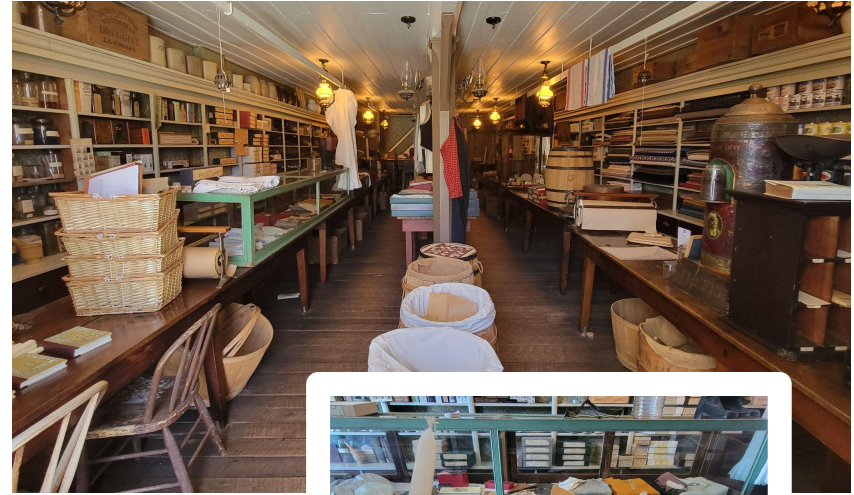
Wagon Barn

I will go to the barn and see farm tools. I might use some of the tools! I will not use every tool. The tools might be heavy or sharp. Adults will help me stay safe. We will use the tools outside on the soft grass. The barn is dim, but the sunshine outside helps me see.

General Store

I will visit the general store! It is full of clothing, kitchen tools, and books! Museum staff will tell me which items I can touch. I will go play shopping!

I will look for items on my shopping list with my classmates. We might feel soft clothing or hard, smooth candles. There are lots of cool items in the store to see! I can ask a tour guide if I see something I want to touch.





Large Barn

I will learn how homes were made at Historic Forestville! I can see or feel materials used to build houses. There will be bricks, sand, and stone. They might be rough, smooth, or scratchy. I can look with my eyes or touch with my hands!

The River

We will explore the woods along the river with a tour guide. We will talk about Dakota peoples. I will stay on the path. I will see trees and a river. I might feel warm sun or cool wind. I might hear birds chirping. I will look out for horses!



Walk along Main Street

We will explore the woods along the river with a tour guide. We will talk about Dakota peoples. I will stay on the path. I will see trees and a river. I might feel warm sun or cool wind. I might hear birds chirping. I will look out for horses!



House

I might explore the house. The house is very old. There are lots of furniture and old items to look at. The tour guide will tell me when I can touch something.

I will help protect the house by keeping my hands to myself.



Lunch

I will go back across the bridge that I traveled over when my field trip started. I will go to the picnic shelter with my group. We will have lunch at the picnic tables. It is fun to eat lunch outside!



Goodbye!

When my field trip is over I will leave Historic Forestville. I might go back to school or visit the State Park.



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**We look forward
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