

Split Rock Lighthouse

A Field Trip Social Narrative



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Welcome

I am going to Split Rock
Lighthouse today!



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Overview

During our field trip, we will watch a movie, visit the Keeper's house, tour the lighthouse, and learn all about the technology used at the light station. We might explore the exhibit.



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Arrival

We will gather outside the visitor center, and everyone will get a wristband.

We won't block the door for other guests. A staff member will tell us all about what we'll do during our visit to the Lighthouse. This is a good time to go to the bathroom in the visitor center!



Storing our backpacks

I will leave my backpack and lunch 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 a restrooms inside the visitor center, including a gender neutral stall.

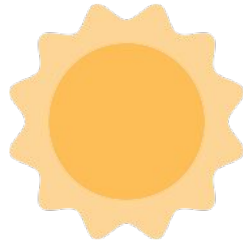
I can let my adult know if I need to use the bathroom.



Weather

The weather might be sunny, windy, rainy, or cloudy at Split Rock. I will still have fun outside!

I will wear good shoes so I can move between buildings and climb the steps in the lighthouse.



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Split Rock Lighthouse. I will stay with my group.

I won't climb on rocks or run. I will help protect the lighthouse by only touching things my tour guide says are okay. I will be a good listener!



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Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip. They can answer my questions.

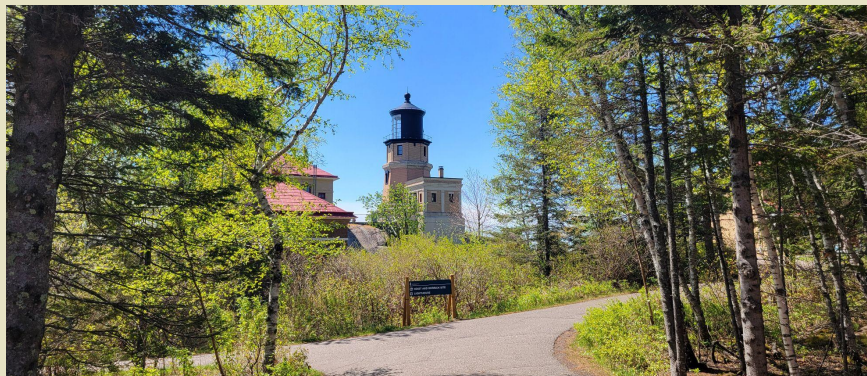
Museum staff wear Split Rock Lighthouse shirts.



Moving around the site

We will travel on paved paths between the visitor center, keeper's house, and lighthouse. There are stairs to get to the fog signal building and lighthouse.

I can climb 22 stairs or look from the ground. If I don't use the stairs, there are other activities I can do with an adult!



Taking a break

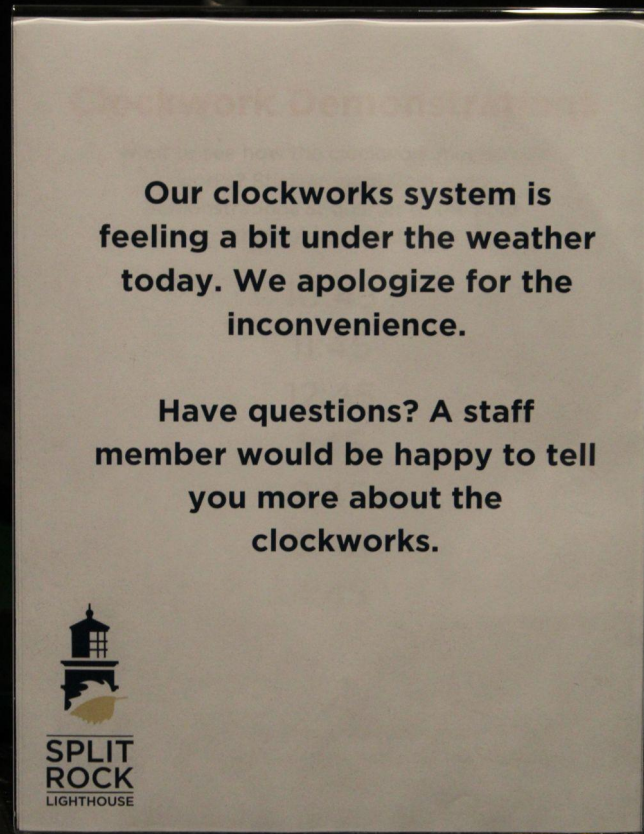
If I need to take a break, that is okay! I can tell an adult. A staff member can help me find a quiet space. I can relax with an adult until I am ready to rejoin my group.



Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to see new things.

If something is closed, it may be open next time! If there is bad weather, I might not get to climb the lighthouse.



Theater

My group might visit the theater.

The theater is dark, and parts of the movie are loud. I can choose a different activity if it is too loud for me!



History of Split Rock

We will talk about how Split Rock Light Station was built at the overlook where they brought up supplies from ships. I will stay back from the edge. There is a steep hill to our next activity. I will move carefully.





Life and work at Split Rock

I will go to the Keeper's House. I will see lots of old items and learn about how people lived here in the past. I will keep the items safe by looking at them instead of touching.



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Light station technology

I will climb stairs to the overlook near the lighthouse and learn about the science of a lighthouse lens.

A guide may show me a lens or make rainbows with a prism.



Fog horn

I can hear a real fog horn! The fog horn is very loud.

A museum staff person will let me know when I will hear this noise. I can choose to cover my ears or let an adult know that I want to move further away.



The lighthouse

There are 32 stairs to get to the top of the lighthouse. The lighthouse is very tall and high. When I am at the top of the lighthouse I will feel far away from the ground. Even though the lighthouse is tall, it is safe! The room at the top is small.

I can choose to look at the lighthouse from the ground with an adult or climb to the top.



Exhibits

We might have time to explore the exhibits in the visitor center. I can see a replica of the lens in the lighthouse, watch videos about the lake, or look at objects from past keepers.



Gift shop

After the tour, I might go to the gift shop. If I want to go to the gift shop, an adult needs to come with me.

I may have to wait my turn to enter the gift shop.



Goodbye!

When my field trip is over,
I will leave Split Rock
Lighthouse.



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**We look forward
to your visit!**



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