



## *Know before you go.*

Read this before planning your visit to a Wisconsin Historical Society Historic Site or Museum in 2020.

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**Visit [wisconsinhistory.org/sites](https://wisconsinhistory.org/sites) for up-to-date information!**

### **What historic sites and museums will be open in 2020?**

Nine of the Wisconsin Historical Society's historic sites and museums are offering reservation-based special tours and programs in 2020. Sites offering a variety of reservation-based programming include Old World Wisconsin, Villa Louis, Stonefield, Circus World Museum, Wade House, Black Point Estate & Gardens, Madeline Island Museum, Wisconsin Historical Museum and H.H. Bennett Studio & Museum. Pendarvis, Reed School and First Capitol will not reopen at this time. Opening dates and hours vary by location so make sure to check [wisconsinhistory.org/sites](https://wisconsinhistory.org/sites) for details.

### **How can I visit your site?**

Visit [wisconsinhistory.org/sites](https://wisconsinhistory.org/sites) to see which tours and programs are available. Once you find the program you want to attend, use the details in that event listing to call and reserve your spot(s). All programs have capacity limits, and you may be on a tour with guests from other households. Guests and staff who are exhibiting symptoms or think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 are asked to stay home.



### **What protective equipment will be required and what are your cleaning policies?**

To protect your safety and ours, all staff and guests are required to wear face masks and adhere to proper social distancing regulations while visiting our historic sites and museums. All facilities are practicing increased daily cleaning and sanitation requirements and there are cleaning stations in each building.

### **What payment options will be available for reservations and purchases at the sites?**

We encourage guests to pay for programs in advance using a credit card at the time the reservation is made over the phone. If the ticket price is below \$30 and a guest is unable to pay using a credit card in advance, they will be able to pay in cash once they arrive on-site. All events that are \$30 or more require advance payment.

### **Can I visit your store without a reservation?**

Some stores will be open for in-person shopping with capacity restrictions and masks are required. Check the location's website for current hours and in-person shopping policies.

### **Will restrooms be open at the sites?**

Yes. Restroom facilities will be available for guests attending a tour or program onsite.

### **Do I still get in free as a member?**

All 2020 historic site and museum programs and events will be full price for all attendees. The Society is facing a serious financial impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. Because we have had to cancel all in-person events and delay opening our historic sites, we will miss our revenue target by nearly \$1.5 million.

In an effort to close the gap, members will pay full-price for the limited program offerings. Active members as of July 1, 2020 received a pass for free admission in 2021, even if they choose not to renew their current membership. Questions should be directed to [membership@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:membership@wisconsinhistory.org) or 888-748-7479.



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