



EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Information for your Upcoming Trip to the Museum of East Tennessee History

Arrival:

One of our ETHS education staff or volunteer museum educators will greet your group in the lobby and direct you from there. There will be an orientation and an opportunity to divide students as needed. Please have an accurate number of students, chaperones, and teachers ready to turn in at the front desk. You will also pay for the group at the front desk after arrival.

Lunch:

The East Tennessee History Center is conveniently located next to Krutch Park, which is often used for picnic-style lunches. Market Square is one block away and provides numerous lunch options as well. Guaranteed lunch facilities are not available in the History Center; however, we do our best to accommodate bag lunches when inclement weather interferes with outside plans. Please contact us if you need to discuss lunch space further.

Museum Shop:

The museum shop is open for school groups to utilize. You will need to add an additional 30 minutes to the visit for the museum shop. Please notify us of plans ahead of time. All shopping will take place after the programming has finished. We ask that students shop in small groups with a chaperone to avoid over-crowding. See some great resources? Teachers are eligible for a 15% discount in our museum shop!

Contact:

For additional information or to make changes to your scheduled trip, please contact:

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*****If you are running late on the day of your visit, please call the main line for the East Tennessee Historical Society at (865) 215-8824. The staff members above will not be at their desks.***

Visit our website at www.eastTNhistory.org to find information on education programs, National History Day, teacher workshops, and links to useful resources for teachers and students. Curriculum content and resources can also be found at www.teachTNhistory.org.



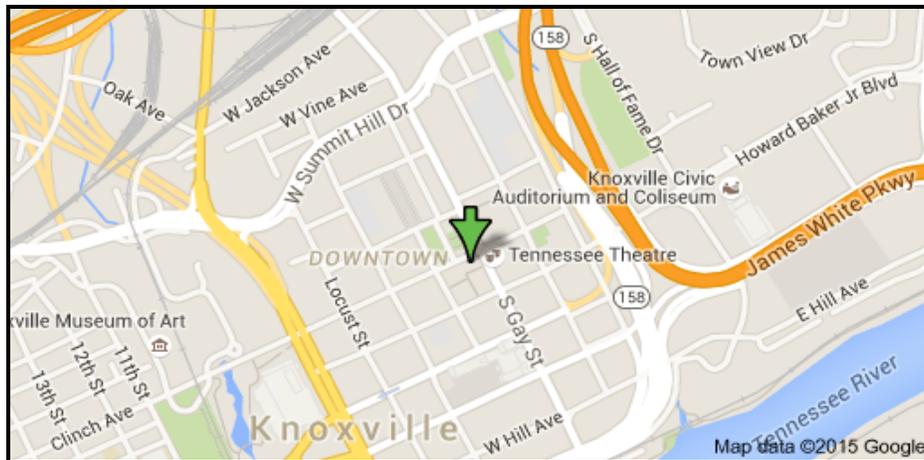
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Location and Directions

The Museum of East Tennessee History is located within the East Tennessee History Center, which sits at the corner of Gay Street and Clinch Avenue. The famed Tennessee Theatre is directly across the street. The address for ETHC is:

**601 S. Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902**



Parking and Unloading



Once your bus arrives at the History Center, we ask that you park in the metered parking at the front of the building on the 600 block of Gay Street. Students will offload here and line up on the sidewalk before entering the History Center. Individual drivers can park in the public Market Square or State Street parking garages (rates are generally \$1.00 per hour in the garages).



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Gallery Program

Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee

Through this signature exhibit, students will explore over three centuries of life in East Tennessee. With a museum docent, students will engage with the exhibit by identifying and answering questions about key artifacts and images that range from the pre-historic inhabitants of what is now Tennessee through the frontier period, statehood, the Civil War, post-war industrial growth, and into to the modern era of TVA, Oak Ridge, and tourism in East Tennessee. The gallery program can be adapted to focus on specific areas within your grade's curriculum standards.

***This museum program is included in every visit.**

Education Programs

Discovery Boxes: Exploring Early Tennessee's People, Culture, and Trade

This group activity consists of nine Discovery Boxes, each containing a selection of artifacts relating to an individual on the East Tennessee frontier around the time of Tennessee statehood. By working together in small groups, students examine their collection of artifacts to determine the identity of the individual represented by the box. The boxes contain artifacts related to the following individuals: an enslaved person, a farmer, a long hunter, a Cherokee, a lawyer, a blacksmith, a frontierswoman, a child, and a trader.

At the end of the designated discovery period (5-10 minutes), the students will be asked to share their findings and reveal the "identity" of the person they have explored—explaining their conclusions with clues gleaned from the objects. This program is inquiry-based; students will lead the discussion with the museum educator providing additional context and information. The museum educator will work with the students' explanations to paint a picture of each person's unique culture, the community they resided in, and how economic factors determined each individual's possessions.

This program is designed for K-3 but can be adapted to 4th and 5th if requested.

This program covers State Standards: K.03, K.04, K.06, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 1.05, 1.06, 1.08, 2.01, 2.02, 3.22, 3.29, 3.30, 3.31, 4.01, 5.28, 5.36



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Education Programs

Objects Over Time

In this program, students are given an unusual collection of objects and “read” them for answers to questions such as: what is it made of, how was it made, what is its function, and, ultimately, when was it used? The students are then asked to place the object within a tabletop timeline based on clues gathered, with the museum educator guiding them through historical, social, economic, and industrial changes over time. The finished product represents a student-developed artifact timeline chronicling three centuries of Tennessee and American history. This program is designed for students in grades 4-8 (and up).

This program covers state standards: 4.10, 4.53, 4.57, 4.59, 5.27, 5.47, 5.61, 5.65, 8.46

Everyday Expressions

In one of our most requested outreach programs, students will explore the ways in which European, African, and Cherokee cultures blended to create the food ways and styles of early 19th century Tennessee. Students will understand how today’s culture is rooted in the traditions of the groups who settled the state. The importance of trade is also discussed. Hands-on items, such as cooking implements, utensils, and examples of foods, are brought into the classroom, as well as reproduction clothing and accessories. This program is only available as outreach in the classroom.

This program covers state standards: 3.9, 3.14, 3.26, 3.37, 4.2, 4.5, 4.10, 4.53, 4.61, 8.9, 8.12, 8.71



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Museum Etiquette for School Groups

Teachers: Please review the following rules with your students prior to your arrival at the East Tennessee History Center.

- ❖ Students are asked to listen carefully to teachers and museum educators.
- ❖ Students should use “Museum Voices”- talking in a normal tone, not yelling or whispering. They will be doing activities that involve discussion in small and large groups, so it is important that everyone can hear what is being said.
- ❖ If students have a question, they should raise their hand to ask the museum educator.
- ❖ Flash photography is not allowed. Taking photos is ok but be sure to turn the flash off. Museum artifacts are sensitive to light and will be negatively affected over time with light exposure.
- ❖ Students should not lean or sit on displays.
- ❖ Students should not touch the artifacts in the gallery. Fingers have oils that will come off on artifacts and over time the oils will harm the surface of the artifact.
- ❖ Food, drinks, and backpacks are not allowed in the gallery. Areas will be set aside for bags, coats, lunches, etc. Please check with the museum educator upon arrival.
- ❖ If a student needs to use the restroom a chaperone must escort them there and back to the group.
- ❖ Running, jumping, and horseplay are not allowed. Students should move from one area to another as a group, with students and teachers first and chaperones following.
- ❖ Finally, students should be respectful of other museum guests. We want everyone to have a wonderful experience at the Museum of East Tennessee History!

