

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

VISITOR GUIDE



HOURS:

Wednesday – Saturday:
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.

*Secured paid parking available
in museum lot off Kirby*

Detroit Historical Museum
5401 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202

(at Kirby in Midtown Detroit)

ADMISSION:

\$10 Adults

**\$8 Seniors, students, active
military & first responders
(with valid ID)**

\$6 Children

**\$35 Household (up to 6
people with the same
address)**

**FREE for Detroit Historical
Society members & children
under 6**

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SOCIETY**



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WELCOME TO THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM!

Thank you for being our guest today. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you explore:



MUSEUM STORE

Find an array of unique merchandise and gifts that celebrate the story of Detroit and remind you of today's visit. Located on the first level, up the stairs from the entrance lobby.



ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE

Adult-sized wheelchairs are available for use by individuals with limited mobility. All floors are accessible by elevator, which is located near the main stairwell. For those with visual disabilities, the museum offers many touchable experiences, both digital and physical, throughout our galleries. We have also partnered with KultureCity to make sensory bags available at the front desk for guests with sensory needs. If you need assistance or have any questions, please ask a Visitor Experience Associate.



FIRST AID / AED

First aid assistance and an AEDs are available on the second floor, lower level, and entrance lobby.



FOOD AND DRINK

You may purchase snacks in the museum store and eat on the lower level in the Grand Trunk Passenger Depot. Please refrain from eating or drinking in the exhibition galleries.



RESTROOMS

You will find men's and women's restrooms on the first level up the stairs from the entrance lobby and to the right (near the elevator). Family (gender neutral) restrooms are available on the lower level, down the stairs from the entrance lobby and to the right (near the elevator). All bathrooms and water fountains are wheelchair accessible.

HELP US PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR COLLECTION OF RARE ARTIFACTS:

- Please refrain from eating or drinking in the exhibition galleries.
- Please look at artifacts, but do not touch (unless otherwise indicated).
- Photography, for personal enjoyment, is permitted.

HELP US CREATE A QUIET AND SAFE ATMOSPHERE:

- Children should be with an adult at all times — large groups of children should be split up with at least one adult to accompany each group of ten children.
- Please do not smoke or vape in or around the museum.
- Please take your time as you explore the museum; please do not run.
- Silence all audio and mobile devices.
- Weapons of any kind are not permitted in or around the museum.
- Call ahead at 313.833.1801 to schedule a docent-led tour (additional fees apply).

WHAT'S NEW?

THE HUSTLE

The Hustle digs deep into Detroit's neighborhoods to document the stories of Detroit's unsung entrepreneurs. See the featured exhibition on the lower level. *The Hustle* is sponsored by Gilbert Family Foundation, Toyota Motor North America, AAA-The Auto Club Group, Bank of America, PNC Bank, JPMorgan Chase, and Dykema.



DETROIT'S CHINATOWNS

Celebrate the stories and resilience of our city's Chinese community, whose roots reach back 150 years. This community-curated exhibition in the *Robert and Mary Ann Bury Community Gallery* features a timeline of Chinatown news, oral histories from Chinatown families, artifacts from Chinatown businesses, and interactive experiences, including Chinese mahjong.



DETROIT'S BREWING HERITAGE

Learn more about the city's beer barons, neighborhood breweries and beer-drinking customs in *Detroit's Brewing Heritage*. Presented with support from Founders Brewing Co.



BODY BY FISHER

Out of the thousands of parts that make up a car, the body is the first thing we see. It is critical to safety, comfort, styling and corporate identity. Learn how auto body producer Fisher Body Company grew from a family business operated by a close-knit group of brothers to a central pillar of General Motors. This exhibition is presented in partnership with GM.



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In 2021, we marked our 100th anniversary! For more than 100 years, the Detroit Historical Society has encouraged historical scholarship, preservation and education. Today, the Society manages the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and Detroit Historical Museum while caring for a collection of more than 250,000 historical artifacts.



Detroit Historical Museum opening, July 24, 1951

DETROIT PERSPECTIVES

This award-winning exhibition draws on hundreds of oral histories and community partnerships to understand the events of July 1967, what led up to them and where we are today.



Experience Detroit's fundamental role as a stop on the Underground Railroad, providing hope to a generation of people escaping enslavement.



Revisit one of the most powerful stories in the history of our region – the efforts of Detroiters to change the outcome of World War II, and the impact that the war had on the city.



Create and test your own innovations while taking inspiration from an impressive range of Detroit innovators, from Albert Kahn to Henry Ford to Elijah McCoy.

THE MEIER CLOCK

A longtime favorite, see the amazing Meier Clock at its location in the landing between the first and second levels.



Travel through history from the place called *Waawiiyaataanong* or “where the river bends” by the First Peoples to a bustling industrial city named Detroit.



Explore the people and developments that made Detroit the automobile capital of the world, from the very first car to “cruise” down Woodward Avenue to recent technological advancements.



Immerse yourself in the dynamic culture of Detroit through the iconic people, places and moments that shape our understanding of the modern city.

MOTOR CITY MUSIC

Experience more than 100 years of Detroit music and explore the way in which song has inspired generations in this interactive gallery.



Don't miss our extensive display of historic and model trains from the personal collection of Alfred R. Glancy Jr. (1908–1973) – a family favorite for all ages.



Visit Kresge's “5 & 10 Cent” store, Sanders Confections and more as you stroll the streets of 19th and early 20th century Detroit in our signature exhibit.

LEGENDS PLAZA

We cheered their accomplishments on the field, welcomed them into our lives through television and radio and were thrilled to see them perform on stage. Place your hands in the hand prints of some of Detroit's “legends” in our outdoor exhibit.

MUSEUM MAP

Detroit: The Arsenal of Democracy

Doorway to Freedom

Gallery of Innovation

Detroit Artists Showcase

Special Exhibitions in Booth-Wilkinson Gallery

Community Gallery

Detroit 67: Perspectives

SECOND FLOOR

America's Motor City

DeRoy Conference Center

(Outside) Legends Plaza

Museum Store

Allesee Gallery of Culture

Origins: Life Where the River Bends

Motor City Music

Entrance Level

FIRST FLOOR

1840s

1870s

Streets of Old Detroit

1900s

Discovery Room

Wrigley Hall

Glancy Trains

Louise C. Booth Auditorium

Grand Trunk Passenger Station

Detroit's Brewing Heritage

LOWER LEVEL



BRING YOUR GROUP FOR A HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE

The Detroit Historical Society provides engaging museum tours and workshops for adults and children alike. We also offer options for virtual experiences!

Call 313.833.1801 or visit **detroithistorical.org** to book your tour.

MEMBERSHIP HAS VALUE!

Did you know that Detroit Historical Society members receive FREE admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and discounts on museum store purchases, tours, programs and other special events? Our membership program also includes reciprocal benefits in a network of over 200 other historical attractions through the Time Travelers program.

Interested in becoming a member? Speak with a Visitor Experience Associate to apply today's ticket purchase to the cost of a membership!



VISIT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Visit us on Belle Isle! The Dossin Great Lakes Museum explores 300 years of Detroit's maritime history on the shores of Belle Isle, just east of downtown Detroit.

Admission is free for members. Find more information and reserve museum tickets at **detroithistorical.org**.



SHOP THE MUSEUM STORE

Take home a piece of history! Offering unique Detroit merchandise you can only find here.

Shop online at detroitmuseumstore.com.

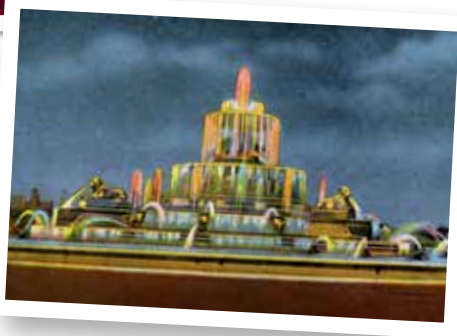


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HISTORIC IMAGES AVAILABLE!

Out of 250,000 objects in our collection, more than 50,000 are now available for viewing 24/7 in our digital collection! Browse fascinating photographs, maps, postcards, advertisements and other artifacts at detroithistorical.pastperfectonline.com/search.



To help offset the cost of ongoing digitization, we offer digital files of images in the online collection for purchase. Simply click on the “Request Image” button in the lower-left corner of an enlarged image on the Past Perfect Online site to get started.

VOLUNTEERING

We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to assist with tours, special events, historical research, office work and programs. If you are flexible, energetic and enthusiastic about Detroit's history, then we just might be the place for you!

Contact volunteer@detroithistorical.org or visit detroithistorical.org for more information.



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- Digital collection
- Society blog
- Events and programs
- And more!
- Oral history collection
- Detroit history video archive
- Virtual exhibits

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