



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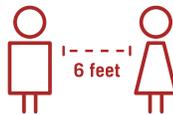
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### **What historic sites and museums will be open in 2020?**

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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Location	Summary of 2020 Offerings	Guest Reservation Number	Guest Arrival Details	In-person Shopping Shop 24/7 at <a href="https://shop.wisconsinhistory.org">shop.wisconsinhistory.org</a>
Black Point Estate & Gardens	Now offering reservation-based tours and special on-site picnics.	Book tours through the Lake Geneva Cruise Line at 262-248-6206. Book private picnic option by calling the site directly at 262-248-1888.	The Lake Geneva Cruise Line departs from the Riviera Dock in downtown Lake Geneva. Arrival directions for the private picnic option will be provided upon reservation.	Available for guests who register for private tours.
Circus World Museum	Now offering reservation-based walking tours. No live performances in 2020.	608-356-8341	Park in regular areas along Water Street. Walking tours will depart on Water Street under the large white concrete circus tent. Your guide will meet you at the gate and check you in.	Open for in-person shopping with enforced capacity limitations. Check website for details.
First Capitol	Closed for 2020.	N/A	N/A	N/A
H.H. Bennett Studio & Museum	Now offering reservation-based museum tours, walking tours and TinType Experience.	608-253-3523	Guests should arrive 5 to 10 minutes prior to the start of their program or tour. Doors will either be open or staff will be at front doors to welcome you.	Open for in-person shopping with enforced capacity limitations. Check website for details.
Madeline Island Museum	Now offering reservation-based museum tours and walking tours.	715-747-2415	Check-in at front desk.	Open for in-person shopping with capacity limitations or by appointment on Wednesdays.
Old World Wisconsin	Now offering reservation-based special programs in-person and online.	262-594-6301	Park as normal and meet your host on the green just past the entrance portal.	Closed for 2020.
Pendarvis Historic Site	Closed for 2020. The Merry Christmas Mine Hill trails are open for self-guided exploration.	N/A	N/A	Closed for 2020.
Reed School	Closed for 2020.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stonefield Historic Site	Now offering reservation-based self-guided tours.	608-725-5210	Check-in at front desk of Dewey Barn. Further instructions will be given upon check-in.	Open for in-person shopping with enforced capacity limitations. Check website for details.
Villa Louis	Now offering reservation-based museum tours and walking tours.	608-326-2721	Use east stairs to access Villa Louis Visitor Center to pick up tickets for reserved tour. Further instructions will be given upon check-in. Guests will be asked to wear latex free disposable gloves when inside historic structures.	Open for in-person shopping with enforced capacity limitations. Check website for details.
Wade House	Offering reservation-based special programs beginning in August.	920-526-3271	Check-in at front desk.	Available for guests who register for special events.
Wisconsin Historical Museum	Now offering reservation-based walking tours and virtual summer camps. Reservation-based museum tours coming soon.	608-264-6555	Check-in at front desk.	In-person shopping with enforced capacity limitations coming soon. Check website for details.