

# DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

# VISITOR GUIDE



**Detroit Historical Museum**  
5401 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202  
(at Kirby in Midtown Detroit)

**HOURS:**  
Weds – Saturday:  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.

*Secured paid parking  
available in museum lot  
off Kirby*

## **ADMISSION:**

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

Discounts available for seniors,  
students, educators, active  
military & first responders  
(with valid ID)

Find pricing details and  
purchase tickets at  
[detroithistorical.org/visit](http://detroithistorical.org/visit)

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SOCIETY**



**ph: 313.833.1805**  
**[detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org)**



**The Detroit Historical Museum is a Certified Autism Center!**

As awarded by International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES).  
Staff members are trained and equipped to support neuro-diverse individuals and their families.  
Find more details on the following page.

# 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.

In addition, we have worked with The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES), a global leader in online training and certification programs, to be designated as a Certified Autism Center™ (CAC). Our staff has completed training and certification in best practices for assisting autistic individuals. Signage throughout the museum indicates areas of high stimulation. Sensory guides, sensory bags, and weighted lap pads are available upon request at our front desk. 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).

*Our full Museum Visitor Policy is available at the front desk.*

## WHAT'S NEW?

### **HEROES VS. VILLAINS: DETROIT'S COMIC BOOK STORY**

From the earliest days of fandom to the rise of iconic superheroes and gritty anti-heroes, Detroit has been a quiet but powerful force in shaping comic book history. Explore the histories of the iconic characters and local creatives who helped define the modern world of comics.



Detroit's Comic Book Story

### **1963 CHRYSLER TURBINE**

See the striking space-age car powered by a gas turbine engine! This rare vehicle is one of only nine remaining from a research test program conducted by Chrysler between 1964 and 1966.



### **BECOMING HOCKEYTOWN: DETROIT RED WINGS AT 100 - Opening November 21**

On November 18, 1926, the Detroit Cougars played their first game in the National Hockey League. In the century since, the Cougars became the Red Wings and one of the most storied of American hockey clubs, winning 11 Stanley Cup championships. Learn how the Red Wings produced some of the game's all-time greats and created a distinctly Detroit hockey culture.



### **STREET SMARTS**

Explore *The Streets of Old Detroit* with our new interactive tour experience! Look for QR codes (and phone numbers) throughout the exhibition to scan and learn more. Tour stops cover the history of Detroit institutions like Kresge, Sanders, and Vernors, tackle social topics like fashion, banking, recreation, jobs, and transportation, and explore major events like the great fire of 1870.



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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



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.

## 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.



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.

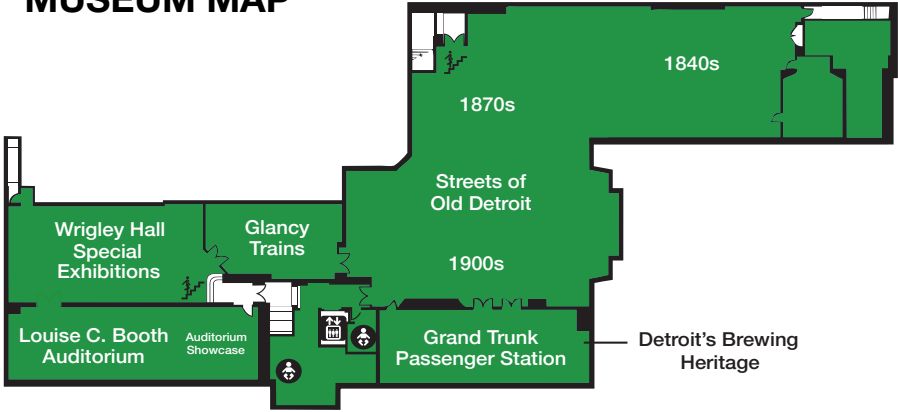


Experience Detroit's fundamental role as a stop on the Underground Railroad, providing hope to a generation of people escaping enslavement.

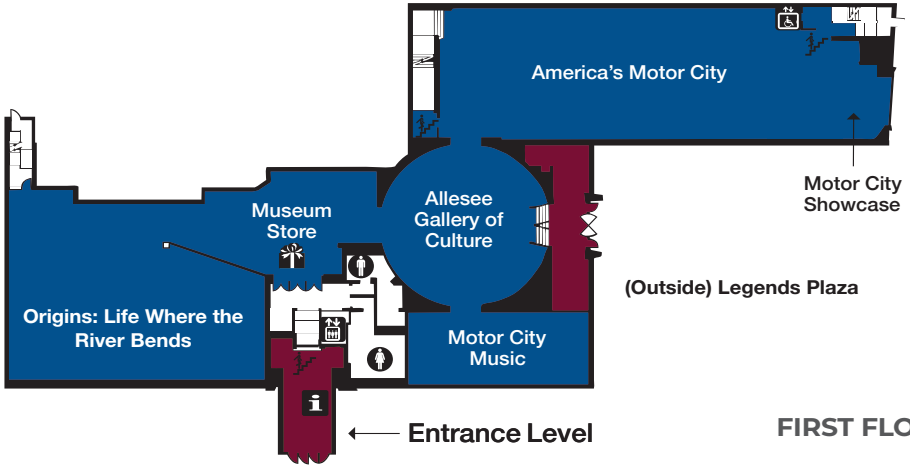


Revisit one of the most powerful stories in the history of our region – the efforts of Detroiters to change the outcome of World War II, and the impact that the war had on the city.

# MUSEUM MAP



LOWER LEVEL



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



## BRING YOUR GROUP FOR A HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE

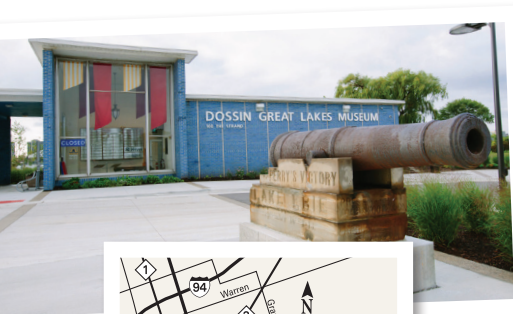
The Detroit Historical Society provides engaging museum tours and workshops for adults and children alike. We also offer options for virtual experiences!

Call 313.833.1801 or visit [detroithistorical.org](http://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](http://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](http://detroitmuseumstore.com).

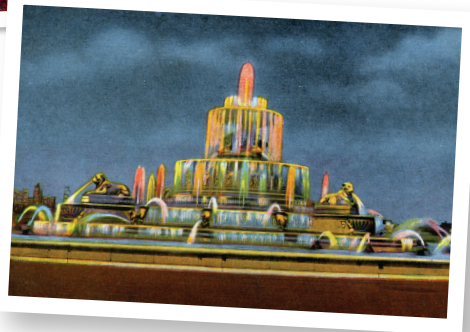


Scan to shop!



## HISTORIC IMAGES AVAILABLE!

Out of 250,000 objects in our collection, about 50,000 are now available for viewing 24/7 in our digital collection! Browse fascinating photographs, maps, postcards, advertisements and other artifacts at [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org).



To help offset the cost of ongoing digitization, we offer digital files of images in the online collection for purchase. Just click on the "Request Image" link on the artifact page 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 [volunteers@detroithistorical.org](mailto:volunteers@detroithistorical.org) or visit [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org) for more information.



## THANK YOU FOR VISITING!

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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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