

MAINE DISCOVERY MUSEUM

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WE'RE EXCITED FOR YOUR UPCOMING MUSEUM FIELD TRIP!

Please review this information and share with your team, chaperones, drivers, and students before you visit. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are here to help ensure a safe and fun experience for everyone.

BUSES/PARKING

Please be sure to review the drop-off/pick-up plan with your driver(s) ahead of time.

Please arrive at our Main Entrance
Maine Discovery Museum
74 Main Street
Bangor, ME 04401

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/uoM3TJG1525DngA86>

Bus Drop-Off and Pick-up

Parking and bus access is sometimes tricky to navigate at the museum. With the addition of the public bus hub in downtown, museum bus access has changed. Please take the time to make a plan in advance to avoid delays and confusion. All group arrivals/departures now take place at our Main Entrance.

Bus Stop Option #1: Main Street (green star on the map below)

The most convenient bus stop location is directly in front of the museum. Buses have permission to pull directly into the fire lane on Main Street for loading/unloading. Our staff will meet you and assist with safe transitions.

Bus Stop Option #2: Water Street/Main Street Intersection (orange circle on the map below)

If there is a truck parked in the fire lane, or if you prefer, buses can stop just before the intersection of Water Street and Main Street (in front of the entrance to Bangin Whoopie Pies). You may have to loop around on Broad Street (left by Paddy Murphy's restaurant) to access Water Street. Our staff will meet you and assist with safe transitions.

Parking

Free parking for buses is on the right side of Front Street, just pass the Sea Dog Restaurant or around the corner on Railroad Street. School buses are not permitted to park on Water Street or around Pickering Square. Bus drivers are welcome to join their groups in the Museum for free.

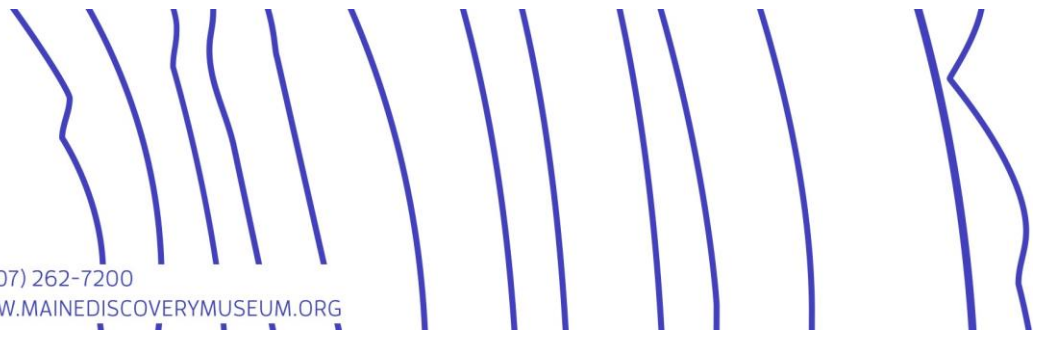
Cars and vans can park in the Parking Garage; the first two hours are free. Parking on Main Street is limited to 90 minutes and is enforced.

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MUSEUM ARRIVAL

Our museum team will assist your group into the museum lobby. We will help students navigate lunches, coats, and restrooms before heading into a brief orientation. If you have arranged in advance to have lunch/snack at the museum, we will help your group load lunches onto the carts we provide. If needed coats can be hung neatly in the coat room, our team will provide instructions. First floor restrooms are conveniently located off the lobby, if a bathroom break is required we will do this before orientation.

ORIENTATION

Once arrival business is complete, museum staff will guide your group into the Baseball Diamond room on the first floor for a brief orientation. This is a good time for a final head count which you will need to provide to our admission desk staff. Museum staff will go over the following **responsibilities, expectations, and housekeeping** with your group.

Student Responsibilities and Expectations

- Students must stay with their chaperones at all times while in the museum and Museum Gift Shop.
- Please do not run.
- Please keep your shoes on
- Please keep all food and drinks in the snack room
- Please do not use loud voices, push, fight, or throw things.
- Use the stairs. The elevator is reserved for people pushing strollers or visitors with disabilities.
- Do not open alarmed emergency doors unless it is an emergency.

Behavior

In the instance of disruptive behavior:

- Teacher and or chaperone will be approached to resolve the situation.
- If the behavior persists, the museum reserves the right to ask student(s) to leave the museum.

Housekeeping

- There are three floors of interactive exhibits.
- Restrooms are located on the first and second floors only.
- Staff/Volunteers wear teal aprons and are excellent resources if you have any questions or get separated from your group.
- The snack room (lunchroom) is on the second floor.
- Please confirm your departure time with your group and our staff.
- Daily activities are for the General Public only.

PAYMENT

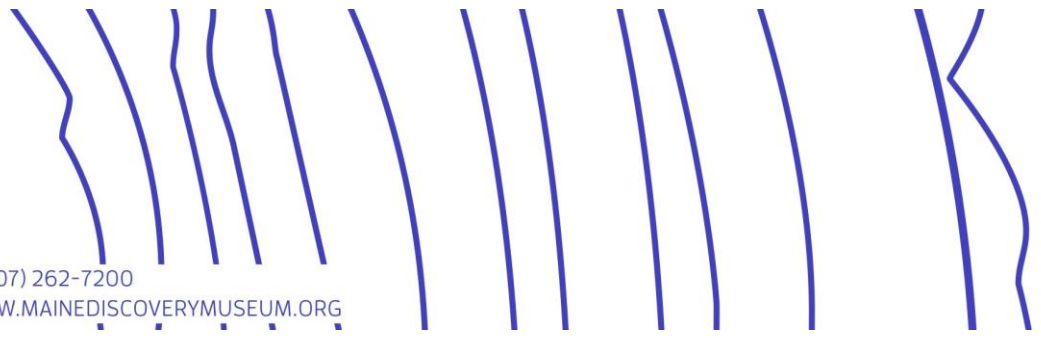
Payment will be due the day of your visit or within two weeks of your visit. We like to wait until you have an accurate headcount for the day of your visit. Payment can be made by check, credit card, or cash. Please be sure to have one of your staff update the admission desk with your final headcount the day of your visit.

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CHAPERONE GUIDE

Chaperones are essential to the success of a group's visit to the museum. Here are some handy tips for your upcoming visit.

Being a Chaperone

- Please ensure that you and your group of students (5 students or fewer per chaperone) stay together during your time in the museum. This includes the Museum Gift Shop.
- Chaperones are responsible for keeping track of each student in their group.
- Chaperones are responsible for the proper behavior of their groups and should help the students respect museum rules and policies.
- Play and learn with the students in your group as part of the museum experience.

Helpful Hints

- Learn the names and faces of the students in your group and make sure they know your name.
- Study the museum map and be aware of your group's schedule.
- Talk to the teacher so you know which exhibit and experiences the teacher wishes the students to have during their visit.
- Make sure you know the time and place to meet for lunch and departure.
- Keep your group in one exhibit area at a time.
- If you have questions, ask a museum staff person or designated volunteer for help.
- Follow all instructions provided by museum staff and volunteers.
- **Have fun!**

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