

Rogers Historical Museum



Field Trip Guide



Welcome to the Rogers Historical Museum!

The Rogers Historical Museum is a fun and exciting place to take a field trip. The museum is full of historical objects from our area's past, everything from an early 1900s wagon to a concrete chair from Monte Ne. Every item tells a story about the individuals that made Rogers and Northwest Arkansas what it is today.

While visiting, you and your students will be immersed in history through lessons, hands-on objects, fun activities, and tours of the galleries.

This Field Trip Guide will help you prepare for your visit and ensure that you and your students have a quality experience.

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Please take the time to read over this packet prior to your visit. If you have any questions, please email Education Manager Ashley Sayers at **asayers@rogersar.gov**.



About Us

Rogers Historical Museum Mission

Our mission is to enrich lives through education, experience, and exploration of our heritage. We fulfill that mission through:

- *Collecting and preserving artifacts, archival materials, and research materials which document the history and cultural heritage of Rogers and Benton County
- *Offering exhibitions, programs, publications, and web-based resources which foster an application of our region's heritage and enable area residents to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities
- *Offering family-friendly exhibitions and programs which allow people of all ages to engage the past, imagine the future, and find joy in learning
- *Offering loan exhibitions and related programs which broaden the cultural horizons of area residents and help place our region's natural and cultural heritage in a broader context.

The Rogers Historical Museum is a department of the City of Rogers and is supported by two non-profit organizations: The Rogers Museum Foundation and the Friends of the Rogers Historical Museum. It is also governed by a five member commission that is appointed by the mayor and approved by city council.

About Us, continued

Fun Facts

*On October 25th, 1975 the Rogers Historical Museum opened its doors in a former bank building that was constructed in 1905.

*In 1982, the museum relocated to the Hawkins House on the corner of Second and Cherry streets.

*In December 1986 the groundbreaking of the Key Wing around the Hawkins House took place and on December 5th, 1987 the museum reopened.

*In 2015 the historic Newt Hailey Ford Dealership building was purchased by the City of Rogers for the museum's expansion project.

*On December 13th, 2018 the Rogers Historical Museum reopened in the renovated Hailey Building.



About Us, continued

Benefits of a Field Trip to the Rogers Historical Museum

Children attending a field trip to the Rogers Historical Museum will:

- *Handle real artifacts and high quality replicas
- *Develop critical thinking skills such as problem solving, inquiry, observation, and empathy
- *Acquire new knowledge, understanding, and skills



- *Experience a positive perception of and attitude toward museums
- *Gain social benefits, e.g. team working, meeting other adults
- *Have the opportunity to participate actively as citizens and develop social skills with other people outside of the school environment
- *Exhibit enjoyment and creativity and become inspired



About Us, continued

Restrooms and Handicap Accessibility

Museum Main Campus

All of our museum buildings have been upgraded with restroom facilities that include handicap accessible rooms to accommodate larger field trips and other public events. The buildings are American and Disability Act compliant with ramps, door push buttons, wider entry points, and multiple emergency exits.

Rocky Branch One-Room Schoolhouse

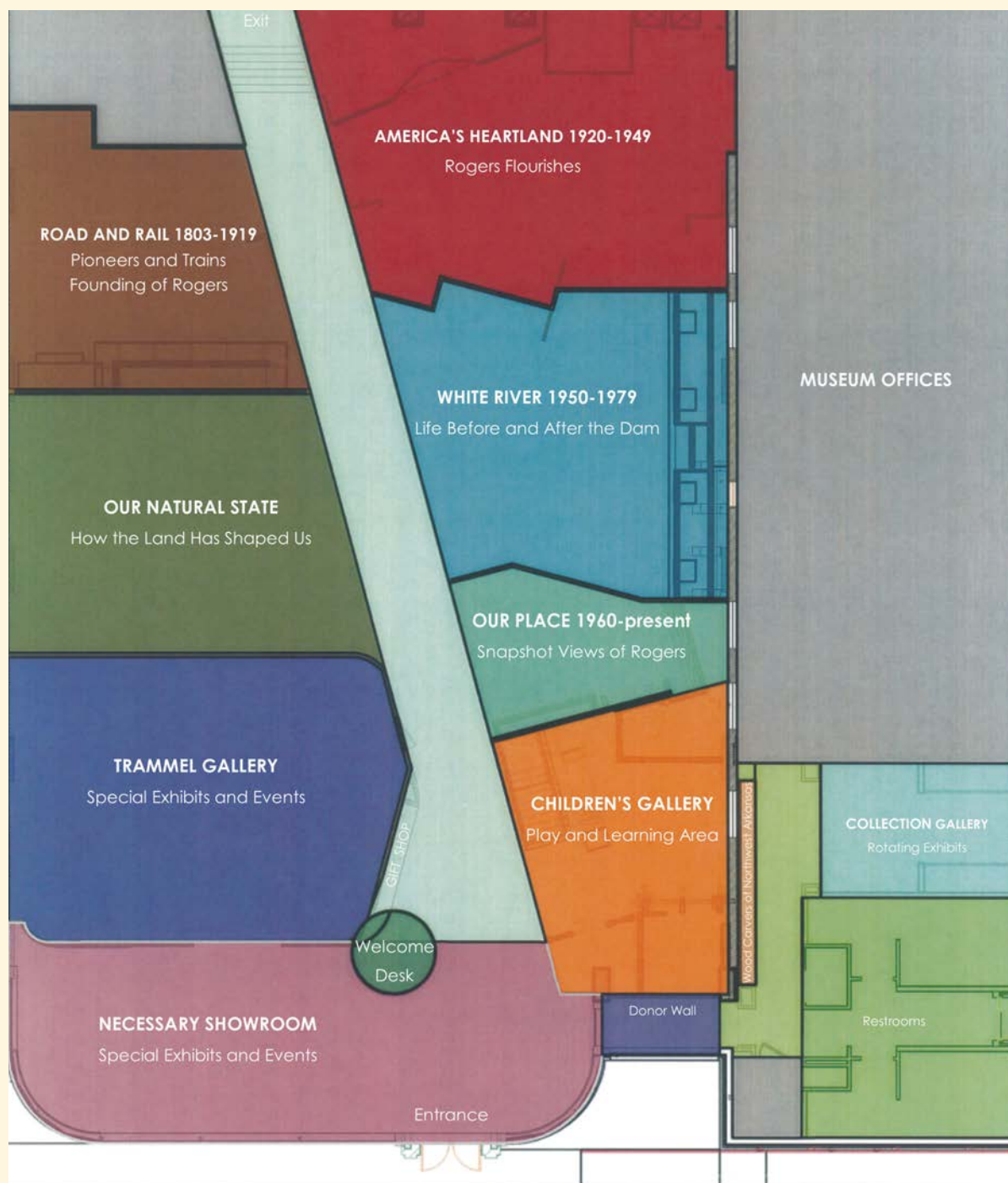
The historic Rocky Branch One-Room Schoolhouse is on the National Register of Historic Places and has **no wheelchair accessibility**. However, every possible means will be undertaken to accommodate all visitors inside the schoolhouse. Please contact us so accommodations can be worked out in advance of your visit so we can make this fun and enjoyable for everyone.



About Us, continued

Gallery Map

Below you will find the map of the galleries located at the Hailey Building, the main museum building.



Preparing for Your Visit

Field trip programs can vary based on the amount of students, time of arrival, time of departure, or other requirements set-up by the contact person making the booking. Typically, all field trip programs begin at 9am and last 3 hours, with the exception of the Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse program, which lasts 4.5 hours.

Any available museum program will be canceled due to the safety of students, teachers, volunteers, and museum staff due to the following conditions:

- *Rain, snow, ice, wind, lightning, extreme temperatures, or any other weather condition that's ongoing, predicted, has an issued warning, or is a detriment to the safety of the visitors and staff.
- *Construction areas of downtown businesses, streets, utilities, parks, or other obstructed paths that make the safety of the program impossible to maintain.

Please **reserve your field trip at least two weeks in advance** as all of our programs are popular and spots fill up fast.

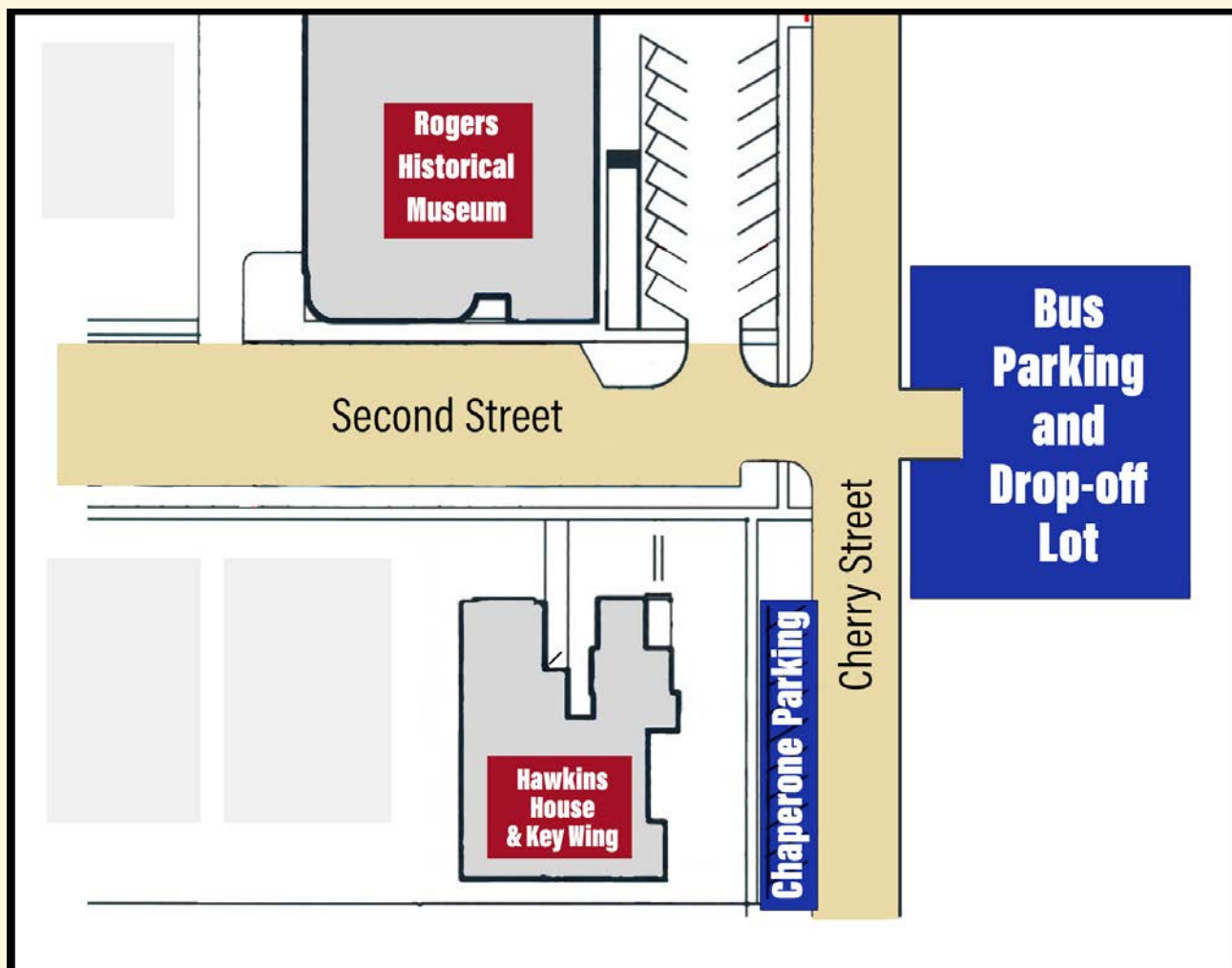
Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow for time to unload the students from the buses and to get them settled in for the program.
See the following map for bus drop off location.

If you need to **cancel**, please do so at least one week before your scheduled visit.

Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Bus Drop Off and Parking Map

Buses will need to unload/load and park at the municipal lot on 2nd & Cherry streets. **Buses are not permitted to unload/load and park on the street in front of the museum.** Chaperones can park in the parking spots on Cherry Street. If those are full, they can also use the museum parking lot located next to the museum on 2nd Street.



Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Field Trip Expectations

To ensure a quality visit and experience at the Rogers Historical Museum, please follow the listed guidelines:

- 1) The historic Hawkins House allows for a maximum of 10 visitors and is a **no touch** area.
- 2) Please provide **1** chaperone for every **10** students per class.
- 3) Multiple class groups on guided tours of the galleries will need to be divided to allow enough space for the students to explore and learn from the panels, interactives, and artifacts. Please do not move your group or allow the students to move on their own to another exhibit area or switch groups. A staff member will keep track of the rotation time and schedule in the exhibits.
- 4) Please keep voices at a gentle conversation level.
- 5) Galleries may include interactives that provide visitors with hands-on learning experiences. Please use them gently and for the purpose they were intended. Students who use them in other ways will not be allowed to touch anymore objects and interactives in the museum.
- 6) The historic Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse allows for a maximum of **54 students** per field trip in accordance with the fire code. If you have more students than that, field trips will need to be split into multiple days.
- 7) The Key Wing and Hailey buildings allow for a maximum of **100 students** per field trip. If you have more students than that, field trips will need to be split into multiple days.

Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Typical Field Trip Schedule–Key Wing & Hailey Buildings

While field trips can be tailored to fit the wants/needs of the classes visiting, below you will find a typical field trip schedule for a visit to the Key Wing and Hailey buildings. Depending on the number of classes in attendance, they may need to be divided between the buildings due to space restrictions. Classes will be organized into color groups to help keep things orderly and flowing well during their visit. This will be reflected in the schedule sent to the teachers, the cones we will line students in front of at the museum, and the shelves student lunches/water bottles will be placed on, if applicable.

9:00am

- *Arrive and unload at the municipal lot at 2nd & Cherry streets
- *Line up in front of cones at 322 S. Second Street (Key Wing)
- *Greeted by education staff
- *Led inside where coats and lunches/water bottles will be stored
- *Seats taken

9:15am

- *Program begins

10:00am

- *Program ends
- *Stretch break

Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Typical Field Trip Schedule–Key Wing & Hailey Buildings, cont.

10:10am

- *Activities, Round 1 begins

10:30am

- *Activities, Round 1 ends

- *Bathroom break

- *Classes switch

10:40am

- *Activities, Round 2 begins

11:00am

- *Activities, Round 2 ends

11:10am-11:40am

- *Lunch (can be in the Key Wing in the classroom or outside on the Hawkins House lawn or at the Railyard Park along 1st Street, weather permitting)

11:40am-12:00pm

- *Final bathroom break

- *Clean up from lunch

- *Students gather lunch boxes/water bottles, coats

- *Students line up and load onto bus

- *Students depart

Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Typical Field Trip Schedule–Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse

The Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse program is available **April-May and September-October**. Upon arrival/departure, school buses can unload/load in the driveway that leads up to the school or in the Rocky Branch Baptist Church parking lot that is down the hill from the schoolhouse. Below is the address of Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse, as well as the GPS coordinates and directions to the school from Downtown Rogers.

Address:

8134 County Road 85
Rogers, AR 72756

GPS Coordinates:

36.326097, -93.941426

Directions:

From Downtown Rogers take Highway 12 East (approximately 10 miles) to Highway 303 North. Go approximately 3 miles. At the "Y" intersection, the schoolhouse will be on the left. Parents need to park in the Rocky Branch Baptist Church parking lot.

On the following pages you will find a typical schedule for a day at Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse.

Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Typical Field Trip Schedule–Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse, continued

9:00am

- *Students arrive and are greeted by educator
- *Have their lunches placed inside the schoolhouse
- *Gather students up in the grassy area and do a short wiggle break and then sit down

9:10am

- *Run through the rules they must follow during the day
- *Discuss the history of Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse
- *Point out water pump and water faucet, then start tour of grounds-mainly outhouse and bell

9:30am

- *Once inside pass around the photo of the students while taking attendance
- *Have a student volunteer to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

9:45am

- *Lessons start-discuss sharing of school supplies, what writing tools were used
- *Have student volunteer pass out chalk while educator writes lesson on the board
- *Reading lesson

Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Typical Field Trip Schedule–Rocky Branch One Room

Schoolhouse, continued

9:45am, continued

- *Spelling, give them 3-5 minutes to work on the lesson
- *After spelling lesson, discussion of rules for students and teachers in one room schools, as well as student punishments
- *Spelling bee
- *Math lesson

10:50am

- *Lunch and recess discussion
- *Toy demonstration
- *Remind them of the rules they must follow

11:00am-11:20am

- *Lunch

11:20am-11:40am

- *Recess

11:40am

- *Have students check to make sure all trash and toys are picked up
- *Have students line up at bottom of stairs, then lead them inside

Preparing for Your Visit, continued

Typical Field Trip Schedule–Rocky Branch One Room Schoolhouse, continued

11:50am

- *A volunteer will gather chalk while another passes out paper
- *Water lesson
- *Make a paper cup

12:10pm

- *Remembrance books lesson and activity

12:40pm

- *Students return to their seats
- *Elocution (tongue twisters) activity

1:00pm

- *A volunteer will gather the pencils
- *Make sure the students straighten up their desks and gather all their things
- *Class pictures
- *Ring the bell

1:30pm

- *Students depart

Thank You

Thank you for considering a field trip to the Rogers Historical Museum. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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