



Georgia Museum of Agriculture & Historic Village

Self-Guided Tour Policies



SELF-GUIDED TOUR SPECIFICS

The Self-Guided Tours are a wonderful option for groups with limited time, with large numbers of students only able to visit for one day, and/or for school systems on a tight budget. However, please be aware that you will probably not be the only group on-site that day. We often have multiple groups participating in workshops or tours on any given day. Below is a quick list of reminders to assist in your planning. Please share these reminders with your adults so they fully comprehend what to expect from the trip.

- Tours are welcome to visit any attraction (as long as it is open) at their own pace. Interpreters are available in most attractions.
- Tours **do not** include a historic lunch with their programming. If you enter a house while a workshop is eating, please be respectful and do not ask to join the meal. Please wait to enter the building with your group until the workshop lunch is completed.
- The Drug Store can become very busy in the afternoon with workshops. We suggest tour groups visit the Drug Store **prior** to lunch to avoid crowding. During this time students can purchase ice cream, snacks, or souvenirs. Store items cost between \$0.19 to \$20+. We appreciate your patience and assistance to ensure students know what they want and have their money before they reach the register. **There is a \$5.00 minimum purchase when using a credit/debit card.**
- Group leaders and teachers are responsible for their students' behavior. Please make sure to keep your group together and be respectful of the surroundings. Many of the attractions are from the original time period.
- Don't forget the Museum Main Hall! The entrance to the Museum is in the atrium. Groups are welcome to explore this area; however, please be mindful of the artifacts and watch children at all times. No food, drink, or climbing of any kind are allowed. Please do not permit children to climb on or into equipment or vehicles, or to pick up and handle artifacts.
 - If damage occurs, the school/group responsible will be held liable for any monetary restitution for repair/replacement.





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Hours

The Museum and Village are open for tours Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. during the months of September thru December and February thru June. *Summer hours in July are reduced to 10 am to 3 pm. Hours are also reduced in January and we are closed to the public in August.*

Cost & Payment

Tour cost is \$5.00 per student and \$7.00 per adult, with one free adult admission per every 10 paying students. Bus drivers and teachers are admitted free. A minimum of 10 students must be met before one adult (teacher or group leader) can be considered free (school groups only).

To receive group rates, all money must be collected in advance within your group and paid at the Country Store by your group leader.

Payment is due the day you visit upon check-in at the Country Store. No payments will be taken at the Museum or Village. We accept Visa, MasterCard, cash, and checks. All checks should be made payable to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. Please bring proof of your Georgia sales tax exempt status when you arrive, if this applicable. No refunds are offered for overpayment. Please have an accurate count of your students before paying.

Sales Taxes Exemption

Any school or state agency within the state of GA is sales-tax exempt on admission, school workshop/tour, and rental fees. They are NOT sales-tax exempt on catering or any food/candy purchase made at the Country Store or Drug Store. Please be advised if your group is from out-of-state, you will be required to pay GA sales tax of 8% on rental, workshop/tour, and admission. Any extra adults (beyond group leaders, teachers, and bus drivers) will NOT be sales-tax exempt unless the eligible school pays for the adults' admission.

Severe Weather

The Museum holds the right to close the facilities if severe weather is approaching and will call schools to reschedule if this occurs. Museum personnel will call schools to reschedule if this occurs. However, schools deciding to cancel their scheduled visit due to weather even if the Museum remains open must reschedule on their own accord. The Museum cannot guarantee availability for planned activities on a later date.





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Steam Engine

A train ride is **not** part of the self-guided tour; however, a train ride can be a thrilling addition to a tour! The train runs every Saturday, (except for the month of August) but does not run during the week. If you would like to include the train in your weekday visit, you must notify us to reserve the train no later than two weeks prior to your visit. This will ensure that we have time to schedule an engineer and conductors. If we receive less than two weeks' notice, we cannot guarantee a train reservation. Please note there is an additional charge for inclusion of the train in your tour, as follows:

≤ 60 riders (students & adults)	61+ riders (students & adults)
\$250 base rate	\$4.00/person

Arrival

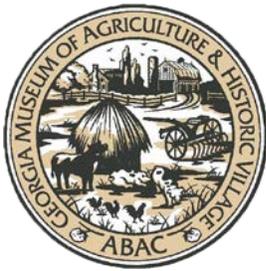
Groups must arrive on time to keep their reservation. Please have the students remain on the bus while one person goes into the Country Store to pay.

Group Leaders

Please provide one (1) adult group leader for every ten (10) students. Group leaders, teachers, and bus drivers have free admission. The Museum's Education Department will decide on the number of free adult leaders based upon your total student numbers. We reserve the right to reduce the number of free group leader admissions if your student numbers drop drastically. Please update your numbers with us no fewer than two weeks prior to visit. The number of group leaders allowed for your school is provided on your Reservation Confirmation form.

Teachers should be sure all group leaders understand their duties before the visit. Group leaders should:

- *Ensure students in his/her group behave appropriately.
- *Assist the interpreters in providing a positive learning experience.
- *Stay with their students at all times and help them move through the Village and Museum.
- *Be familiar with the site before arriving.
- *Group leaders must assist students with their purchases while visiting the Drug Store.



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Lunch

Our Opry Shelter picnic area is available for your use. You may unload your lunches and take them to the Opry Shelter upon arrival. However, buses and vehicles are not permitted to drive up to the Opry Shelter. Our Drug Store also offers daily lunch combos. Please call 229-391-5205, or email tcarpenter@abac.edu to arrange lunches for your groups.

Safety

The Museum's goal is to provide an educational and interactive learning experience; however, many of the structures, fences, and items in the Village and Museum are antiques. Please no handling of these items or climbing on fences or well covers. Please do not feed or pet farm animals or livestock, unless instructed to do so by an interpreter.

There is one observation beehive at the Destination Ag site and a set of beehive boxes in the Historic Village. Please inform those who have bee allergies that hives are located on site and encourage them to take necessary medical precautions when visiting such as bringing an epi-pen or Benadryl.

Photography

Still or video photography is welcomed on our site for personal, non-commercial use only. No tripods, please. During your visit, you may be photographed for promotional purposes by the Museum and Village staff. **If you do not wish to be photographed or if you have a child who cannot be photographed, please request a special sticker during check-in at the Country Store.**

What to Wear

Adults and children should wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather. We suggest closed-toe shoes, no flip-flops or sandals. Please plan for the weather and remind students to bring jackets/sweaters when necessary. We operate in all kinds of weather (except severe thunderstorms/tornados).





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Overnight Accommodations

If your group requires overnight accommodations, please let us know. We will be happy to assist you.

Booking

[Online reservations](#) are required for our Self-Guided Tour. **Your tour is not reserved until you receive a reservation confirmation from the Museum's Education Department.**