

# Wisconsin Maritime Museum Field Trip Visit FAQs

## How many people do I need to schedule a field trip? Is there a maximum number?

Field trip groups must consist of at least 10 people or more. We are able to accommodate groups of up to 100 people. However, due to space constraints, larger groups may require more time. If you have concerns about the size of your group, please reach out to our Education Team!

## When can I schedule a field trip? How do I request a field trip date?

We welcome field trip groups year-round. Both the Museum and submarine are open throughout the winter. You can request a field trip date by filling out our [Inquire About a Trip Form](#) on our website. Once you submit your requested date, Education Team staff will be in touch with you to confirm your visit date. We request at least a four week notice prior to your field trip date in order to set up staffing for your visit. Groups may book as far in advance as they would like.

## What discounts are available for field trip groups?

We offer discounted admission rates for guests visiting the Museum as a part of a field trip group. These prices include the standard field trip package options of a guided submarine tour, a program led by a Museum Educator, and/or time to explore the Museum galleries.

*Student (Kindergarten and older): \$6.00*

*Preschool: \$3.00*

*Additional Adults: \$7.00*

*Teachers/Aides/Staff: Free*

There is a \$50.00 surcharge for field trips scheduled on weekends. If you would like to participate in more than one educational program during your visit, there is an extra \$3.00 charge per student.

## When is our payment due? Can our payment be made over the phone by office staff?

Payment is due at the time of your group's visit. Payment can be made via cash, check, or card. You can also mail in a check prior to your visit or use our online payment option by contacting our Education Team. We can also take payment over the phone at 920-684-0218.

## What does a field trip experience typically look like?

Your field trip experience is tailored to your group's wants and needs. A field trip package includes the options of a guided submarine tour, a program led by a Museum Educator, and/or time to explore the Museum galleries.



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## **What are the educational programming options available? Can they be adjusted for wide age ranges?**

Our educational program options and descriptions are [listed on our website](#), along with suggested age ranges. Most programs can be tailored to a range of age groups and include topics related to both history and science.

If you would like to do more than one program, please indicate this on your [Inquire About a Trip Form](#). Each additional program beyond the basic field trip package of one program will require a \$3.00 charge per student.

## **How long should I plan to spend at the Museum for my field trip?**

The amount of time you spend at the Museum depends on how many people are in your group and what activities/programs you have selected for your visit. Each educational program takes about 45 minutes to complete. The submarine tour is also about 45 minutes.

Generally, many groups prefer to rotate their groups through the galleries, tour, and educational program.

## **I am interested in a submarine tour. Is there anything I should be aware of?**

As previously mentioned, submarine tours last about 45 minutes. Tour groups are limited to approximately 15-20 people due to space constraints.

Since the submarine is still in much the same condition as it was during WWII and a protected National Historic Landmark, it is not accessible by wheelchair or stroller. There are seven watertight doors guests must climb through, as well as two sets of stairs to take you down into the boat and back out. If you have concerns about accessibility and/or are interested in alternative experience options, please reach out to the Education Team.

Our submarine tours are available to guests of all ages. However, we ask that you use your own discretion as to whether very young children will be able to make it through the tour without disrupting the experience for other guests. Our tour guides make every effort to adapt their tours to the age-level of their guests.

## **Is there a space to eat lunch in the Museum?**

With advance notice, we can reserve a space for groups to eat lunch here at the Museum during, before, or after their programs/tours. There are no food services available on site, but you are more than welcome to bring in your own lunches. We do ask that no food or drink enters the galleries or the submarine.



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**Is the Museum fully accessible by wheelchair or stroller? What other accessibility resources do you offer guests?**

All public spaces in our Museum building are accessible via wheelchair or stroller. However, the submarine is *not* accessible via wheelchair or stroller. For guests with sensory, language, or other needs, you can find a full list of available accommodations [on our website](#). If you have concerns about accessibility, please reach out to the Education Team.

**Is there a space to put strollers, bags, lunches, etc.?**

There is limited space to place personal belongings during your field trip. Please note that these spaces are not secured and Museum staff are not responsible for your belongings.

**Where is the closest parking to the Museum? Does it cost to park?**

There are parking lots located to the east and west sides of the Museum building as well as across the street from the Museum. There is also limited street parking available. There is no charge for parking. Buses may drop students off directly in front of the Museum's front entrance. Long-term bus parking is available in the east Museum parking lot.

**I am looking for financial assistance with my field trip costs. What are my options?**

The Museum and its supporters are happy to support the WMM All Hands On Deck Fund. Please contact the Education Team at [groups@wisconsinmaritime.org](mailto:groups@wisconsinmaritime.org) for more information on available financial assistance for your field trip. Priority is typically given to Title I schools and schools in the Manitowoc County area, but any school looking for financial assistance is encouraged to inquire about available funds.

**Have a different question or need more clarification?**

Please contact the Education Team at [groups@wisconsinmaritime.org](mailto:groups@wisconsinmaritime.org) or call 920-684-0218.

**Ready to request your field trip date?**

Fill out the [Inquire About a Trip Form](#) and our Education Team will be in touch with you!