

Wisconsin Maritime Museum Homeschool Group 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 homeschool field trip groups?

We offer discounted admission rates for guests visiting the Museum as a part of a field trip group. Each family/household in your group receives one free adult admission.

Student (ages 4-18): \$6.00

Infant/Toddler (ages 3 and under): Free

Additional Adults: \$7.00

There is a \$50.00 surcharge for field trips scheduled on weekend dates.

When is our payment due? Can families/household groups pay individually?

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. If you would like, individual families/households can also pay individually at the Front Desk as they arrive on the date of your visit.

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, we recommend budgeting at least an hour to an hour and a half to explore the Museum galleries in full. Individual families/households are of course welcome to continue exploring the Museum after the programming and tour components of a field trip are completed.

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.

Can we bring younger children with us? What activities are available for young children?

Yes, you can bring younger children with your group! There are plenty of spaces in our Museum designed with our youngest children in mind, including the Little Lakefarers toy area and the Children's Waterways Room. Adults are welcome to spend time in these areas with younger children while their students attend programs/tours. We do ask that all children are accompanied by an adult while exploring the Museum outside of staff-led programming.



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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 ask that no food or drink enters the galleries or the submarine.

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. Please note that in the west lot there are a couple of reserved spaces which are not available to the public. These spaces are marked with signs.

Have a different question or need more clarification?

Please contact the Education Team at 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!