



Field Trip Programs at the Elkhorn Valley Museum

Preschool Field Trip

Preschoolers enjoy this introduction to the Elkhorn Valley Museum including a special guided tour of the museum that focuses on shapes, colors, and animals followed by making butter and a paper cow craft. After the program, teachers can choose to spend additional unstructured time in the Children's Discovery Zone. Tour and activity each take 15-20 minutes.

The following field trips are designed to meet 4th Grade Nebraska State Education Standards and can be adapted for any age group.

Early Norfolk Field Trip

Take a trip back in time to Early Norfolk! Students will first learn about early Norfolk life and places through a historic pictures slide show presentation. Then, students will participate in a scavenger hunt through the museum looking for items they just saw in the historic pictures. Students will also visit the Dederman Settler's Cabin to see what living in early Norfolk would have been like as well as churning butter, an activity early Norfolk women would have done! Please allow at least 75 minutes for this program. Visiting the Cabin is weather-dependent.

A Day in a One-Room Schoolhouse

Experience what a day was like in a one-room schoolhouse. When the bell rings, students will file into the classroom to begin lessons. Students will work their arithmetic on the chalkboard, read aloud, learn a poem, and participate in a spelling bee. In the middle of the program, students will take a recess where they will learn historic games that students used to play. Please allow at least 60 minutes for this program. This program is best in warm weather, late April through early October.

The History Experience Field Trip at the Elkhorn Valley Museum

Teachers can customize their field trip to suit their learning objectives. Choose from the following modules:

Pioneer Life in the Dederman Cabin

What was life like for the early Nebraska settlers? How was it different from life today? Explore the Dederman cabin to find answers to these questions.

Old-Time School Days in the Dederman One-Room Schoolhouse

When the teacher rings the bell, it's time to file into the schoolhouse. Experience school in an early one-room schoolhouse where students learn reading, writing, and arithmetic as well as penmanship. *Note: This module can be adapted to what the students are learning in class. Please submit spelling words and/or other materials at least 2 days before the field trip.*



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Victorian Games

What did Pioneer children do for fun? Are their games similar to what children play today? Students enjoy learning history in this module that gets active and moving around. Conducted outside in the park or inside in the Auditorium.

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The Mystery of The Cave in Verges Park

Why did Dr. Verges build a cave in his park? What uses might the cave have had? Examine the cave and look for clues about what it was used for.

Butter Making

A chore that would have been done daily while milk was available, experience the process of churning cream into butter. Students try their hand at the historic method of using a crock butter churn and also learn the jar method, which they can even do at home!

Museum Scavenger Hunt

Can the students find the answers to these questions related to the history of the area? This scavenger hunt sends students throughout the museum galleries examining the artifacts on exhibit and reading labels in search of the answers.

What is it?

Students put on a curator's white gloves to examine artifacts, try to determine what they are made out of, how they were used, and who used them.

What Birds Do I See?

Using binoculars, student find and identify the birds they see in the bird window looking out into the garden in Verges Park. Students also learn about other local birds and their habitats.

****See, Touch, & Smell History: Pioneers & Herbs**

Before the days of drug stores and giant grocery stores, pioneers had to make many of the things they needed from the plants they could grow. Herbs had many uses including flavoring, food preservation, medicinal purposes, and keeping away pests! Students learn which herbs were used for what as they handle and smell different leaves. Note: Subject to availability, please contact the museum at least a month in advance.

Modules are designed to last 20 minutes with a group size of 10-15. The Elkhorn Valley Museum recommends a 1.5 hour field trip with **4 modules** plus transition and bathroom time. After the staff-led program, teachers are encouraged to enjoy unstructured time in the museum, including the Children's Discovery Zone. Groups that are larger than 15 may be divided into smaller groups.

Field Trip Admission Fees: \$4/student, 1 free adult for every 10 students
\$4/adult for additional adults

Picnic tables are available for lunch in the park. In the case of inclement weather, students may have lunch in the museum Auditorium.



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School Field Trip Reservation Form

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Contact Name _____

School _____

Grade _____ Phone Number _____

or Students _____ E-Mail _____

Field Trip Date _____ Time _____

Modules:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____

Will Visit the Gift Shop? Yes or No

Having lunch at the museum? Yes or No

Will bring payment on day of field trip? Yes or No

Or will pay before on _____