

Littleton Museum's Visitor Behavior and Safety Rules



Museum? *What do you mean by "museum"?* That's a great question! When we refer to "museum," we are referring to the main museum building and all the exhibit galleries, classrooms, offices, and other spaces contained under the building's roof. And we are also referring to the 1860s and 1890s living history farm exhibits, including the historic buildings, fields, gardens, livestock areas, and connecting pathways and greenways. We hope you enjoy your visit!



Eating and Drinking Did you bring a snack for the kids, or are you planning to eat lunch during your visit? If so, please enjoy your food, snacks, and drinks on our front lawn or at one of the nearby parks. You can take water with you into the museum, but nothing else!



No Smoking Littleton Museum is a smoking-free facility. If you would like to smoke or vape please do so outside the museum's main front entrance and stay at least 15 feet away from the doors.

Clothing Sunburn. Insect bites. Rusty nails. These are just a few things you might encounter during your visit. Please remember that clothing and shoes help to protect us from the environment around us. We want you to be safe, so while visiting the museum **you must always be fully clothed and wearing shoes.**



Bring the Kids The museum is a great place to visit with kids of all ages. Keep these guidelines in mind during your visit:



- ✓ **Keep those kids close!** Children under the age of 14 must always be supervised by an adult unless participating in an age specific museum program (e.g. summer camp).
- ✓ Your kids **must always wear shoes** to prevent possible injury from nails, wires, and other debris often found on the farmyards.
- ✓ You are welcome to bring your stroller into the museum, but most strollers these days are just too big to fit inside our small historic buildings, so **please leave your strollers parked outside** (but don't forget to take the baby with you).
- ✓ Remember snacks and picnics must be enjoyed on the Museum's front lawn or at one of the nearby parks.
No food or beverages are allowed in the museum.

Livestock When looking at the livestock, please remember that all our animals can bite, peck, or scratch you, possibly causing injury. And although they might look hungry to you, our livestock are fed a balanced diet and feeding them something you found on the ground (yes, even a handful of grass), can make them sick. So, please look at the livestock, smell the livestock, and listen to the livestock, but **do not pet or feed the livestock.**



Wild Animals As you walk around outside you will see an abundance of wildlife. We have Canada geese that make the museum their home year around; and if you're lucky, you'll see a bald eagle or hawk. On a very rare occasion you might see a fox or coyote. Please remember that approaching any wild animal, especially if they appear sick, can cause you injury. If you see an animal in distress, please alert a member of the museum staff or call the museum at 303-795-3950.

Service Animals Although we love animals here at the Littleton Museum to ensure everyone's safety, including that of our livestock, only trained service animals are welcome to visit. Please leave your pets at home (**NOT in your car**). Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, animals that provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals, and therefore they are not allowed in the museum.



Getting the Word Out Only museum approved printed material may be posted or distributed on museum property. Soliciting, petitioning, campaigning, or survey-taking is prohibited within the museum building.

Hands off, please It's understandable that you want to touch things; the sense of touch helps us make sense of the world. Unfortunately, the oils and dirt from your hands can damage sensitive artifacts and artwork. Please help us preserve our artifacts and artwork for future generations and touch items only when invited to by museum staff or signage.



Museum Gardens Did you know that we use the produce we harvest from our gardens and orchards in our foodways programs? We do! Every year our historic site interpreters demonstrate how food was preserved and used in the past. So, please **don't pick the fruits and vegetables** you see growing at the Museum. And remember, when you pick a flower that is one fewer flower that everyone can enjoy.



Photography Amateur photography is allowed in the museum, but please remember to turn off the flash which can damage sensitive artifacts. Please refer to the museum's photography policy (available at the front desk) regarding portraits, professional photography, and commercial videography.



Disruptive Behavior The museum strives to provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. The following behaviors **are not allowed**, and people engaging in these behaviors will be asked to leave the museum. If a criminal act is involved, you will be subject to arrest and prosecution.

- Failing to follow instructions given to you by a member of the museum staff.
- Harassing, scaring, or harming any animal on the grounds.
- Bringing weapons into the museum, simulated or real.
- Making any loud, unreasonable, or disturbing noises.
- Using obscene or profane language.
- Engaging in hostile or rowdy behavior, including fighting, threatening, intimidating.
- Exhibiting signs of substance abuse, including drunkenness.
- Engaging in inappropriate public displays of affection or uninvited touching.

