

EXHIBIT GUIDE

Welcome to the State Historical Museum of Iowa!

This guide provides information about a few key pieces on display in the exhibits. Find these objects to learn about Iowa's past while you explore the museum.

Directions:

- Each exhibit has 4-5 selected objects to find.
- To find the objects, answer the provided clues. Each bullet will lead you to a new object in the exhibit.
- The exhibit maps also show the location of the selected objects.
- A Goldie's Tweet, like the image on the right, is found next to the selected objects.
- Read the tweet to discover additional information and discuss the questions.



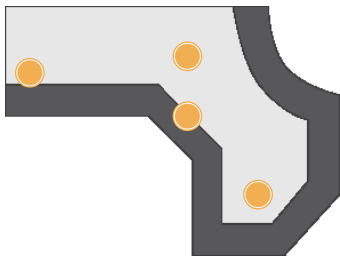
Look for Goldie Tweet signs while in the exhibits to learn more!

Museum Visit Expectations

Museums are unique public places, like libraries and classrooms. In order to keep your group and our objects safe, please review and follow these museum expectations.

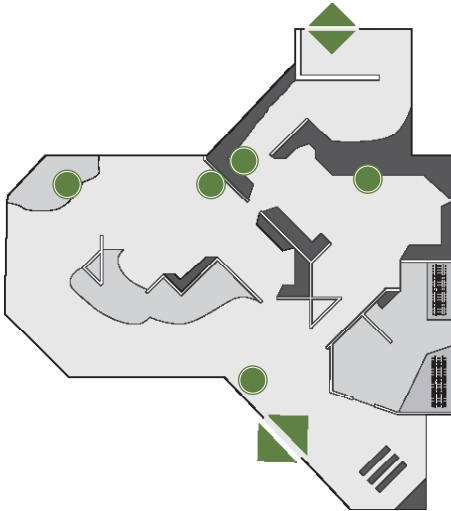
- Please walk and do not run.
- Take your time - no need to rush.
- Stay with your group at all times.
- Hands to your side. Please do not touch any objects.
- Use inside voices while in the museum.
- No food or drink in the exhibits.
- Flash photography is allowed, unless otherwise noted.

Mammoth: Witness to Change - 1st Floor



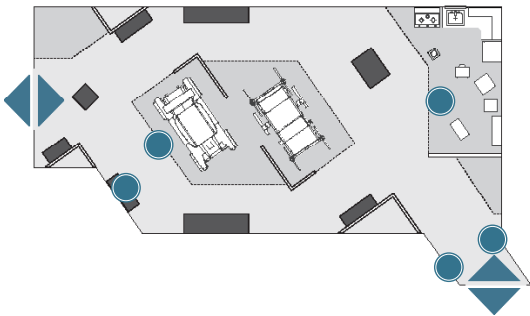
- Mammoths once lived in the area that is now Des Moines. Can you find the Hebior mammoth bones on display?
- These long, curved tools grew on both sides of mammoth trunks. Can you find the mammoth tusks?
- Humans only have two sets of teeth, but mammoths went through six sets in their lifetimes. Can you find the mammoth teeth?
- By putting all the pieces together, these bones make a copy of a full mammoth skeleton found in Wisconsin. Can you find the life-size mammoth replica?

Delicate Balance - 1st Floor



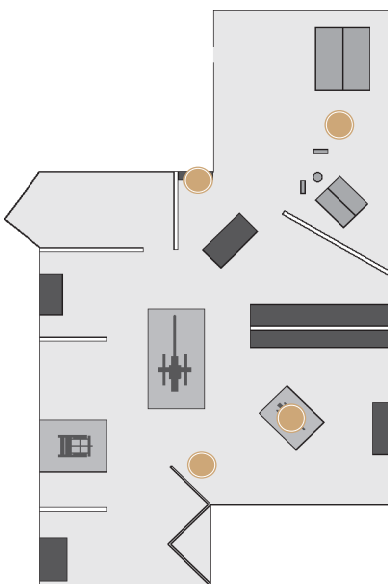
- These ancient marine animals are close relatives to the starfish and are now fossils. Can you find the crinoids?
- These large stone wheels were useful to grind grain at mills around Iowa. Can you find the millstones?
- Many different animals have called Iowa home over the years, including black bears. Can you find the black bear?
- This Iowa cartoonist not only drew political cartoons about politicians, but also covered the environment and eventually duck stamps. Can you find the Ding Darling cartoons?
- This animal used to roam across Iowa and are the heaviest land animals in North America weighing in at almost a ton. Can you find the bison?

Iowa History 101 - 1st Floor



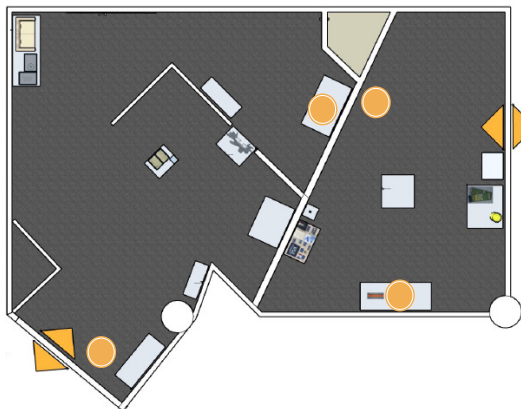
- This man helped found Iowa's first African-American military regiment and succeeded in removing the word "white" from the state constitution's requirements for voting. Can you find Alexander Clark?
- Iowa has welcomed many different people from all over the world since becoming a state in 1846. Can you find the 1920 population graph on the exhibit wall?
- This piece of technology not only plays music, but can also tell you the news, weather, and even entertain you with radio shows. Can you find the 1939 radio?
- This vehicle was owned and driven by former Iowa Governor George W. Clarke and his wife, Arletta for over 20 years. Can you find the electric car?
- A suit like this one is extremely helpful while working on the International Space Station. Can you find Peggy Whitson's blue flight suit?

Iowa and the Civil War - 1st Floor



- Iowa outlawed slavery when it became a state in 1846, and this famous court case provided freedom for an enslaved man from Missouri. Can you find the "In the Case of Ralph" document?
- This small cannon was used on an Iowa farm by abolitionist John Brown to prepare his followers for his raid on Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Can you find the small cannon connected to John Brown?
- This piece of wood was once part of a larger wall of a Confederate prison camp. Can you find this section of wooden prison wall?
- Iowa rallied 76,242 troops to fight for the Union which was around 10% of the state population. After leaving home, these men had to be housed near the battlefields. Can you find the campsite?

Iowa's People & Places - 1st Floor



- This artifact has been called “one of the earliest Native American narratives on paper” and helps tell the story of the Meskwaki and arrival of early European settlers. Can you find the Wacochachi print?
- This black leather bag held medical supplies for Dr. Edward Carter, who worked for a time in Buxton, Iowa. Can you find the medicine bag?
- Iowa's first female supreme court justice wore this black robe while sitting on Iowa's highest court. Can you find Justice Linda Neuman's robe?
- This colorful textile tells the story of a Hmong immigrant's journey to the United States. Can you find the Hmong Story Cloth?

You Gotta Know the Territory - 2nd Floor



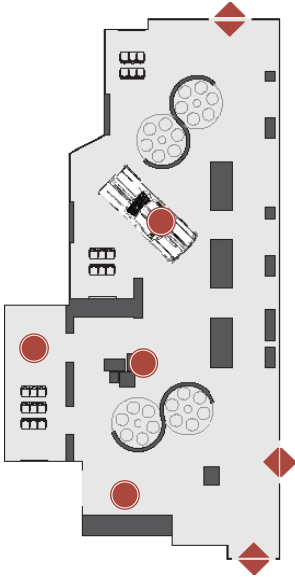
- This wooden bowl and utensil were often used in special events within the Meskwaki culture. Can you find the feast bowl and spoon?
- These objects were used to keep warm and were created following the introduction of trade between Native Americans and Europeans. Can you find the Ribbon Blankets?
- This large wooden mode of transportation would be powered by a team of horses or oxen, transport many things, and made for a very bumpy ride for people arriving in Iowa. Can you find the Conestoga wagon?
- Iowa's first towns required many different people with a variety of skills to provide goods and services. Can you find the Urban Frontier section of the exhibit?
- This piece of furniture was used by the first Territorial Governor of Iowa and provided lots of storage for papers and writing materials. Can you find Robert Lucas' desk?

Riding Through History - 2nd Floor



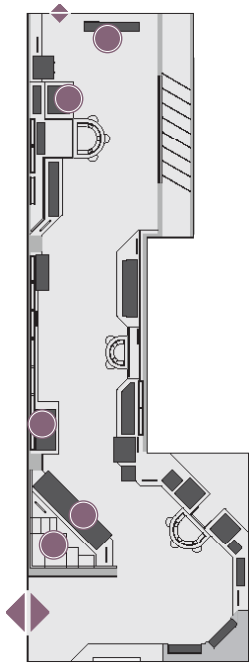
- This object will not only help you see at night, but allow others to see you on the road. Can you find the bicycle lamp?
- This company may be famous for building green tractors, but it created bicycles as well. Can you find the John Deere bicycle?
- Each year, cities and towns across Iowa are announced as official stops during RAGBRAI® which communities celebrate in different ways. Can you find the Redfield plaque and the keys to the city of Osage?
- RAGBRAI® may be a lot of sweaty hard work, but participants still want to have fun while riding the route. Can you find the banjo?
- RAGBRAI® travels through many towns across Iowa each year, including this town located in Benton County. Can you find the Iowa map sign from Vinton, Iowa?

Hollywood in the Heartland - 2nd Floor



- This musical, written by Iowan Meredith Willson, won the Tony Award for Best Musical and later turned into a hit movie. Can you find “The Music Man”?
- This book, written in 1932 and later made into a movie musical, tells the story of a family attending the Iowa State Fair. Can you find the movie “State Fair”?
- This machine was used to view silent films in the early 1900s, and would give the user an arm workout. Can you find the Motiograph Hand-Crank projector?
- As cars and other modes of transportation became popular with Iowans, vehicles like this became a common sight on Iowa roadways and drive-ins. Can you find the Galaxie 500?

Visible Vault - 2nd Floor



- Currency, also called money, has not always looked like what is in our wallets today. Can you find the display case with different types of money?
- This object would be extremely helpful to move someone’s belongings across an ocean to start a new life or join them on a battlefield. Can you find the trunk display?
- Looking for a cool and refreshing treat? This large object was used to create many different types of delicious drinks to keep Iowans cool. Can you find the soda fountain?
- This Black Iowan owned and operated a successful print shop in Des Moines’ once thriving Center Street neighborhood. Can you find the Patten collection?
- These objects hold great significance to the first peoples who lived in the territory that would become Iowa. Can you find the Native American collection?

Additional Questions



What was your favorite object? Why?



What would you like to learn more about? Why?



What was your favorite exhibit? Why?



What information will you share with your friends and family? Why?



What new facts did you learn about Iowa history? Why were those facts interesting?

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