



PORTLAND MUSEUM

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Field Trips to Portland Museum

Looking for an exciting field trip destination? It's not too late to make a date with the Portland Museum! Bring this year's class to see the places, hear the people, and experience the events that make the history of 19th century river towns like Portland so rich and fascinating. Admission is \$5.00 per child with one free adult for every 10 children. Free admission for teachers who want to preview the Portland Museum tour before arranging a field trip.

We also offer educational materials, games, and walking tours of the historic neighborhood to enrich your field trip experience. Portland Museum's education program works well with all ages but especially fits First through Fifth grade and Eighth grade curriculum (See Core Content Relation below)

Museum Tour

The museum tour features an animatronic robot representing the first female steamboat captain, Mary Miller. She tells her story about the difficulties involved in getting a license for a traditionally male role back in 1884. Her story reflects the joys and hardships of a life spent on the Ohio River.

The tour also includes videos such as an animated film about boats on the Ohio River made by Third graders from Portland Elementary, original newsreel footage from the 1937 Flood, or a documentary on the life of artist and naturalist John James Audubon.

An automated light-and-sound tour of our permanent exhibit "Portland: the Land, the River and the People" transports students back in time to see dioramas of historic scenes and meet four life-sized mannequins of important people in Portland history - including Jim Porter, "The Kentucky Giant."

A new exhibit about Portland's historic architecture features artifacts, photographs, a slide show and an antique chimney pot display

Educational Games

First through Third Grade: "Shoot the Falls," a giant board game illustrating early boat travel along the Falls of the Ohio. Children play with different types of boats and learn about the difficulties one encountered while navigating the river before the Louisville/Portland Canal was built. (SS-EP-4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3, 4.3.2, 4.4.2)

Fourth and Fifth Grades: "Heave the Lead," a game about life as a 19th century River Boatman. Students learn about riverboats and jobs, and then simulate the task of a leadsman measuring the water's depths by tossing ropes at targets. (SS-04-3.4.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; SS-05-3.4.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.2.3)

Historic Neighborhood Walking Tour

Fascinating for all ages. Learn about the history of a 19th century river town. Hear the myths and the fascinating true stories of a neighborhood that once boasted many hotels, taverns, warehouses and a booming wharf docking sometimes 35 steamboats a day! Learn about 19th century architecture, much of which still stands in the Portland historic district for your class to see. The charge is \$1.00 extra per student to add the walk to the Museum tour. (First through Third Grades: ,SS-EP-3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.3, 4.3.2, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; Fourth Grade: SS-04-3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.3.2, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; Fifth Grade: SS-05-2.1.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.3, 4.3.2, 4.4.2, 5.2.3; Sixth Grade: SS- 06-4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3; Eighth Grade: SS-08-2.1.1, 2.2.1, 2.3.2, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 4.1.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4; and High School: SS-HS-4.2.2, 4.4.1; Teachers may be able to get PE credit for the walk as well)