



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minnesota History Center Backgrounder

With its breathtaking views of downtown St. Paul and the State Capitol, the Minnesota Historical Society's History Center is an architectural masterpiece made of Minnesota materials including Rockville granite and Winona limestone. With activities and exhibits for all ages, the History Center is home to an innovative museum, engaging public programs, a modern library, distinctive stores and an award-winning restaurant.

Exhibits

Explore Minnesota's past through exhibits that feature authentic historical objects, hands-on experiences and multimedia presentations. Public programs – featuring speakers, musicians and inventors, just to name a few – add a lively dimension to the exhibits.

Library

The Minnesota Historical Society has been collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of Minnesota since 1849. Today, it is the world's largest repository of Minnesota materials. Research almost any topic, uncover a house's history or trace family heritage – and that's just the beginning of the wealth of information the Library provides!

Museum Stores

The Minnesota History Center's Museum Stores feature Minnesota-themed books, children's gifts, hand-crafted jewelry, collectibles and much more. Both stores feature convenient extended hours during the winter holiday season.

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Food and Beverage

Café Minnesota, the History Center's superb café, serves continental breakfast and weekday and weekend lunches. Fresh ingredients, vegetarian and vegan options, savory entrees and an assortment of desserts are all part of the menu.

Wireless Internet Connection

The Society is pleased to provide a free wireless Internet connection in its Café Minnesota and 3M Auditorium. Visitors are invited to bring portable computers to connect to the Internet for research, e-mail and general web usage. Please note: a special antenna is needed for wireless connection.

The Minnesota Historical Society is a private, non-profit educational and cultural institution established in 1849 to preserve and share Minnesota history. The Society collects, preserves and tells the story of Minnesota's past through engaging museum exhibits, extensive libraries and collections, historic sites, educational programs and book publishing.

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Minnesota History Center At-A-Glance

Location:

345 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, MN 55102

For General Information:

For general History Center information, program schedules and auxiliary aids and services information, call 651-296-6126 or 1-800-657-3773, TTY 651-282-6073.

For group reservations, call 651-297-7258.

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Travel Information:

For lodging and visitor information, contact the St. Paul Convention and Visitor Bureau (www.visitsaintpaul.com), 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, suite 502, St. Paul, MN 55102 or call 651-265-4900.

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