

Castle Museum Helpful Tour Hints

Here is a list of things to consider before coming to the Castle Museum of Saginaw County:

✓ **Time:** *How long will you be here?*

A typical unguided tour usually last about 1 hour. A guided tour, depending on the exhibit and the age of the children, can last from 1 to 1 and a half hours. If your group is participating in a tour and an activity, plan on about 2 hours.

✓ **Preparation:** *When should you book a tour?*

We suggest that you contact us as soon as possible; we would appreciate at least two weeks notice before your arrival. This would greatly enhance the chances for reserving a time that fits your schedule and it would give the museum staff ample time to plan and prepare for your arrival. However, if it is under two weeks, please call the museum to see if there are any dates and times available.

✓ **Chaperones:** *Do you have all the help you need?*

Chaperones are a great asset when conducting a tour; not only do they help the students, but they also get a chance to experience the museum for free! We ask that there be at least one adult for every 5 students so that there is adequate supervision during the tour.

✓ **Pre-visit:** *Do you want a sneak peak?*

A great way to begin your Castle Museum experience would be to host a pre-visit in your classroom by one of our staff members. During a pre-visit, a staff member will discuss the major ideas involved in our current exhibits. The purpose of a pre-visit is to get the students excited about coming to the museum, as well as thinking about what they can expect to see when they come here.

