

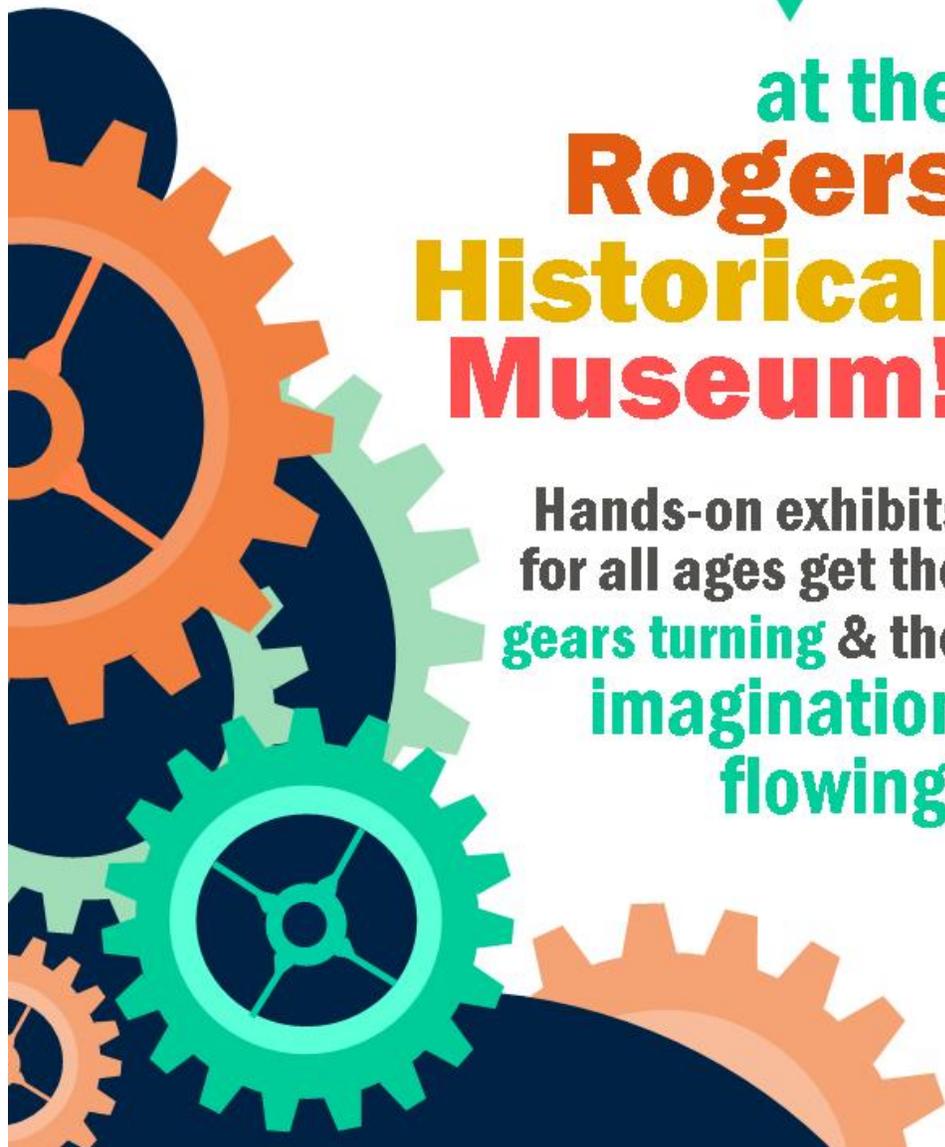
Where can kids  
**build,**  
**imagine,**  
**& discover**  
their way to a better  
understanding of  
history? . . . . .



at the  
**Rogers**  
**Historical**  
**Museum!**

Hands-on exhibits  
for all ages get the  
gears turning & the  
imagination  
flowing!

Rogers Historical Museum  
322 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Rogers, AR. 72756  
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## Rogers Historical Museum: Mission

The Rogers Historical Museum serves Rogers and all of Northwest Arkansas, a rapidly growing metropolitan area that shares a rich natural and cultural heritage, a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit, and an increasingly diverse population.

Our mission is to enrich lives through education, experience, and exploration of our heritage. We fulfill that mission through:

- Collecting and preserving artifacts, archival materials, and research materials which document the history and cultural heritage of Rogers and Benton County;
- Offering exhibitions, programs, publications, and web-based resources which foster an appreciation of our region's heritage and enable area residents to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities;
- Offering family-friendly exhibitions and programs which allow people of all ages to engage the past, imagine the future, and find joy in learning; and
- Offering loan exhibitions and related programs which broaden the cultural horizons of area residents and help place our region's natural and cultural heritage in a broader context.

The Rogers Historical Museum, an American Alliance of Museums accredited institution, is proud to be a department of the City of Rogers and pleased to serve all of the people of Northwest Arkansas. We are supported by two outstanding non-profit organizations: the Friends of the Rogers Historical Museum and the Rogers Museum Foundation. The Museum is governed by a five member commission, which is appointed by the city council, and is responsible for making and maintaining policies, standards, and operational continuity.



## Rogers Historical Museum: Field Trip Benefits

The Rogers Historical Museum strives to make each fieldtrip a memorable experience for the students while providing a fundamental learning experience. This museum is a community-wide investment in our children. It is an institution of exploration where children lead the process of discovery in an educational atmosphere. It is a place where teachers, parents, and museum staff all share in each student's joy in learning about the world around them. The benefits for children participating in a museum visit include:

- Handling real artifacts and high quality replicas
- Developing thinking skills: problem solving, inquiry, observation, empathy
- Acquiring new knowledge, understanding, and skills
- Enjoyment, inspiration, and creativity
- Changing their perception of and attitude toward museums
- Social benefits, e.g., team working, meeting other adults
- The opportunity to participate actively as citizens and develop social skills with other people outside of the school environment

## Rogers Historical Museum: Field Trip Expectations

Each fieldtrip will be tailored to the individual requirements given by the contact person who makes the booking. However, the following requirements will need to be adhered to while touring:

- 1) The historic Hawkins House allows for groups of 10 or less visitors and is a touch free area.
- 2) Groups touring the gallery will need to be divided into a maximum of 15 visitors per exhibit area to allow enough space for the students to explore and learn from the panels, interactives, and artifacts. Please do not move your group or allow the students to move on their own to another exhibit area or switch groups. A staff member will keep track of the rotation time and schedule in the exhibits.
- 3) Due to the limited size of the gallery and the structure of the museum sound will become enhanced and could disturb other guests if voices advance past a gentle conversation level.
- 4) Interactives will provide a visitor with hands-on learning experiences and lifetime memories, but please remember to gently use them for the purpose they were intended as instructed on their information panels. Students who use them in other ways, such as sword fighting, will not be allowed to touch anymore objects and interactives in the museum.
- 5) Remember that in all public facilities the act of running, use of tobacco products, profanity and weapons is strictly prohibited. Also, food and drinks are not allowed inside the museum but, our garden and lawns will provide a very relaxing space for a picnic.

## Rogers Historical Museum: Field Trip Schedule Example

A typical fieldtrip schedule is provided in the example below:

Arrive: 900a

Students will be divided into groups and greeted by the staff. Teachers will receive schedule.

Group 1: Grandpa's Workshop exhibit

Group 2: Attic interactive area

Group 3: Hawkins House tour

Group 4: Crime Stories exhibit

Switch: 930a

Group 1: Crime Stories exhibit

Group 2: Grandpa's Workshop exhibit

Group 3: Attic interactive area

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Switch: 1000a

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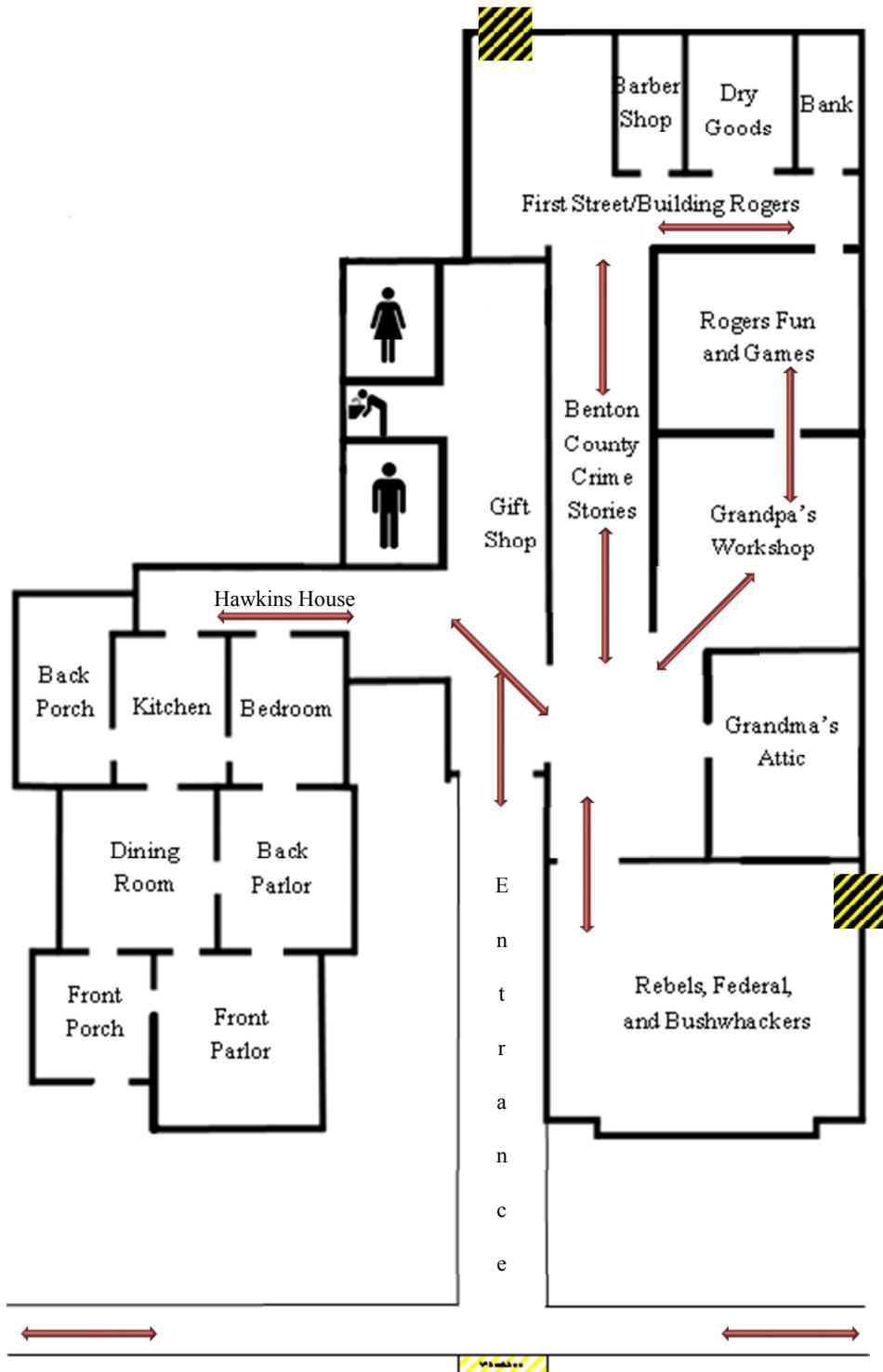
Group 4: Grandpa's Workshop exhibit

Depart: 1100a

## Rogers Historical Museum: Additional Information

- 1) Fieldtrip schedules will vary based on the amount of students, time of arrival, time of departure, accompaniment of an education program, or other requirements set-up by the contact person making the booking.
- 2) The Downtown Rogers Walking Tour program, Rocky Branch One-Room Schoolhouse Fieldtrip program and the Train program will be cancelled due to the safety of students, teachers, and museum staff due to the following conditions:
  - a) Rain, snow, ice, wind, lightning, temperatures or any other weather condition that's ongoing, predicted, has a issued warning or is a detriment to the safety of the visitors and staff.
  - b) Construction areas of downtown businesses, streets, utilities, parks or other obstructed paths.

Rogers Historical Museum: Gallery Map



Gallery Map Key

 Emergency Exit

 Visitor Flow

## Rogers Historical Museum: Exhibits

### Permanent Exhibits:

The permanent exhibits contain a multitude of information that is displayed as panels, interactives, photographs, videos, audio recordings and objects so as to create different learning environments for students while making their experience fun. The exhibits also meet many beneficial standards set by the Arkansas Department of Education: Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks.

**Grandma's Attic Exhibit:** This gallery, dedicated to our youngest visitors, allows kids to experience life as it used to be by dressing up, cooking at a stove, and other fun activities.

**Grandpa's Workshop Exhibit:** Children explore building methods through construction interactives in this exhibit. Interactive components foster a deeper understanding of our region's architecture.

**First Street Exhibit:** Stroll along a replica of old Rogers First Street and look through the storefronts to catch a glimpse into the typical businesses during the early years of the city.

**Benton County Crime Stories Exhibit:** Explore the history of law and order in Benton County through first-hand stories and local artifacts. Just for fun step inside the original Rogers Jail Cell.

**Hawkins House Exhibit:** Explore this middle class Victorian home restored to the early 1900s time period with furnishings displayed so it seems the Hawkins family has just stepped away.

**Caboose Exhibit:** You'll experience the railroad history of Rogers when you visit this retired caboose from the Frisco line. It's located in Frisco Park and available upon request.

### Temporary Exhibits:

**Federals, Rebels, and Bush Whackers:** On display between March 7<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> of 2015.

- Stories of local families and the hardships they faced during the Civil War.

**Rogers Fun and Games:** On display between June 27<sup>th</sup> of 2015 and January 10<sup>th</sup> of 2016.

- Uniforms, ice skates, roller skates, golf clubs and other artifacts help visitors learn about the many entertainment opportunities that Rogers has offered throughout its history.

Thank you!!!

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