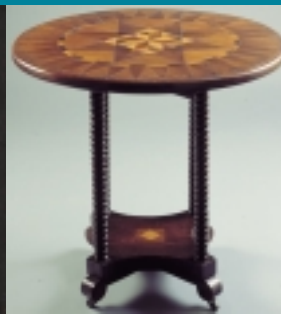




**HISTORIC
ARKANSAS**
MUSEUM



**Your History
is Arkansas Made**



Frontier Arkansas in Downtown Little Rock

Whether you're an Arkansas native, new to the state, or just passing through, Historic Arkansas Museum invites you to come in and step back into frontier history. Tour the museum's historic grounds, visiting the oldest home still standing in Little Rock and the site where William Woodruff once printed the **Arkansas Gazette**. Interact with a Living History character and see first-hand how early residents lived. Inside the Museum Center, explore Arkansas-made art and artifacts in six exhibit galleries, peek into the museum's attic of collection storage, shop in the Museum Store and see the award-winning video in the theater.

Exhibits and Collections

Colonial Arkansas: Before the Louisiana Purchase – Horace C. Cabe Gallery

What was Arkansas like before the Louisiana Purchase? As part of the state's Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Celebration, this exhibit examines how Native American, French and Spanish cultures shaped the state's history for the 250 years before 1803.

Arkansas Made – Gallery II

It took more than 60 years of research and acquisitions for the museum to build what is now Arkansas's premier collection of Arkansas-made objects. This exhibit highlights some of it all - Arkansas-made portraits, furniture, fine art, pottery, guns, historical photographs, silver and more.

The Bowie Knife – Knife Gallery

See the history of Arkansas's most famous weapon, the Bowie Knife, as well as the history and art of bladesmithing. This area includes both historical and modern knives and is the official exhibit for the American Bladesmith Society.

Arkansas Contemporary Artists and Artisans – Trinity Gallery

It's not all history – the Trinity Gallery showcases the best contemporary work of Arkansas's talented artists and artisans. Exhibits change quarterly and feature a diverse selection of media. The works in this gallery are available for purchase.

Changing Exhibitions – Study Gallery

Changing all the time, the study gallery features traveling exhibits as well as selections from our permanent collection that explore the life and times of people who shaped our Arkansas heritage.

Sturgis Children's Gallery

Come play! Children can put on a puppet show here, or make a portrait in the daguerreotype photographic studio, dressed in 19th century-style clothing. They also can enjoy playing the match game, testing their balance on the Arkansas Twister, and playing **Escape to Freedom** on the computer.

For complete information about current exhibits, visit us online at www.arkansashistory.com.

There's a Story All Around You

On the museum grounds, enter four restored early 19th-century houses on their original sites in what was one of the state's earliest settled areas. These

authentically restored buildings hold the key to understanding life in the frontier days. One is the city's oldest standing building; another is an 1820s print shop, plus two 1840s homes built by emigrant Scotsmen.

In 1939 Louise Loughborough realized that four dilapidated buildings could be portals into our state's frontier past. Thanks to her relentless lobbying efforts, she gained funding from the Arkansas Legislature to restore these historic buildings. The museum formally opened in July 1941 as the Arkansas Territorial Restoration, a name it went by until 2001, when the museum reopened after an extensive expansion as Historic Arkansas Museum.

Living History Brings the Frontier to Life

The award-winning Living History program tells Arkansas's story from all points of view. Meet a character from the past on each historic house tour between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Education Programs for Students

Learn history, hands-on. Contact Historic Arkansas Museum to learn about its special hands-on programs for student groups.

Special Events

Celebrate! Historic Arkansas's annual events include the Territorial Fair in May, the Frontier Fourth of July, and the Christmas Frolic in early December – all free and featuring reenactments, pioneer demonstrations, dancing, music, storytelling and living history.

Museum Store

Take a little history home. Shop in our Museum Store, a great resource for books, jewelry, educational toys, pottery, baskets, music, quilts and more.

Museum Store Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Facility Rental

Party here! Our museum grounds and indoor facilities are great places to have weddings, rehearsal dinners, parties, business meetings and photo shoots. Check our web site or call for further information.

Memberships and Volunteers

Members and volunteers make things happen. Call to find out about becoming a member or to learn about fun volunteer opportunities.

Admission and Hours of Operation

Every day is a good day to visit – all galleries and regular visitor activities inside the museum center are free. A small fee is charged for a guided tour of the historic grounds and restored houses.

Tours are free the first Sunday of each month. Parking is always free, and the entire museum and grounds are ADA accessible.

Admission for tour of historic homes:

Adults \$2.50

Children (under 18) \$1.00

Seniors (over 65) \$1.50

Hours:

Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

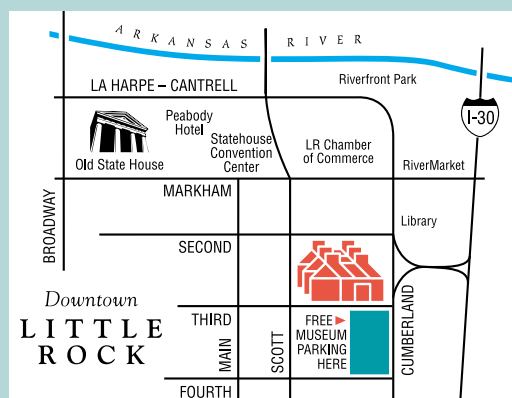
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

(Tours depart hourly except noon;
last tour is at 4 p.m. daily)

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
New Year's Day and Easter

How to Find Us

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