

Museum of Alabama

AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY

Teacher & Tour Group Guide

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Welcome to the *Museum of Alabama!*

The Museum of Alabama, located at the Alabama Department of Archives & History in Montgomery, is the only destination where you can explore Alabama's story from prehistory to the present. Every year, we welcome thousands of students & visitors from Alabama and around the globe to learn about the people & events that have shaped our state's past. This guide has all the information you need to plan the perfect museum experience for your school or tour group. Thanks for visiting!

→ Admission

Admission and cost for group tours of the Museum of Alabama is always FREE!

→ Group Sizes

Group tours are designed for 15 or more. Large groups of 35 or more may be divided into smaller tour units. Maximum group size includes chaperones and teachers. If groups exceed the maximum size, chaperones may be asked to wait in the lobby to ensure safety and the quality of the students' visit. See individual tour descriptions for group size guidelines.

→ Reservations

Reservations are required for guided tours. To book a tour, call our Tour Line at (334) 242-4364.



→ Museum Store

Our Museum Store offers a variety of unique merchandise including books, children's items, Alabama art, and Alabama-made products at many different price points. Groups are invited to shop before or after their scheduled tour time. Let your guide know if your group would like to browse the store.

→ Lunch Options

Groups are encouraged to enjoy brown bag lunches on our front lawn, terrace, and 12 picnic tables. No indoor seating is available. Several restaurants are within walking distance of the museum. Ask our front desk staff for directions.

→ Directions

The Museum of Alabama is located inside the Alabama Department of Archives and History at 624 Washington Avenue. We are directly across the street from the State Capitol. Free parking for buses and cars is available in a lot behind the Archives' building on Adams Avenue.

SEE MORE DETAILED TOUR GUIDELINES ON PAGE 12

*Find Your Story
at the home of
Alabama history!*

About Our Exhibits



Alabama Voices, the Centerpiece Exhibit of the Museum of Alabama

Alabama Voices covers the dramatic unfolding of Alabama history from the dawn of the 1700s to the beginning of the 21st century. More than 800 artifacts, hundreds of images and documents, and twenty-two audiovisual programs tell the story of struggles over the land, the rise of a cotton economy, the Civil War, industrialization, world

wars, civil rights, the race to the moon, and more. Voices taken from diaries, letters, speeches, songs, and other sources convey the experiences of Alabamians who lived through and shaped the history of the state.

The First Alabamians

The First Alabamians tells the inspiring story of 14,000 years of Native American history in Alabama. It includes beautiful murals, a diorama, and artifacts from the Museum's extensive archaeological collection. Interactive maps and touch-its are also found throughout the exhibit.



Alabamians in the Great War

As America commemorates the centennial of its participation in World War I in 2017 and 2018, *Alabamians in the Great War* explores Alabama's contributions to victory. The exhibit features artifacts from the museum's extensive collections, including numerous recent acquisitions and items on loan from private collections — many never before displayed.



Tour Options

At-a-Glance

FALL/WINTER (SEPTEMBER – JANUARY):

ALL TOURS ARE FREE!

60 MINUTES:

→ Civil War

Focus on the conflict that transformed all parts of Alabama society and the nation.

→ The First Alabamians

Discover the story of Native Americans, the first Alabamians, who have made the area of Alabama their home for thousands of years.

→ Marching Toward Freedom

Explore the struggles & triumphs of Alabamians seeking civil rights from statehood to the modern era.

→ Then & Now (Also available in **Summer, June – August**)

Learn about famous Alabamians and how life has changed in our state through discovery activities & old-fashioned games.

90 MINUTES - SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAYS ONLY:

→ Alabama Moments in American History

Discover the ideas, events, & people from Alabama that helped shape key moments in American history.

→ Museum Explorer

A comprehensive overview of Alabama history.

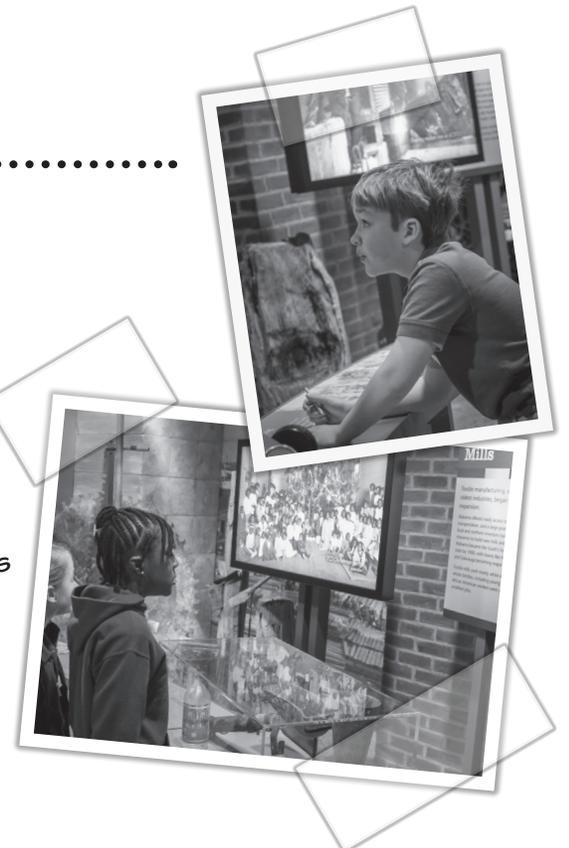
YEAR ROUND:

60 MINUTES:

→ Alabama History Highlights

Always a favorite!

Alabama's history is the story of its people. Journey through Alabama's story in this overview of our state's past.



Tour Schedule



SEPTEMBER – JANUARY

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY

AT 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

TOUR	TIME	GROUP SIZE*
Alabama History Highlights	60 Minutes	3 Classes (100 people)
Civil War	60 Minutes	2 Classes (60 people)
The First Alabamians	60 Minutes	2 Classes (60 people)
Marching Toward Freedom	60 Minutes	1 Class (35 people)
Then & Now	60 Minutes	1 Class (35 people)

→ **GROUP SIZE INCLUDES CHAPERONES & TEACHERS** ←

WEDNESDAY AT 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, & 1:30

TOUR	TIME	GROUP SIZE
Alabama Moments In American History	90 Minutes	1 Class (35 people)
Museum Explorer	90 Minutes	1 Class (35 people)

YEAR ROUND

MONDAY – FRIDAY*

AT 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

*UNAVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER THROUGH JANUARY

TOUR	TIME	GROUP SIZE*
Alabama History Highlights	60 Minutes	3 Classes (100 people)

*Large groups will be divided into smaller tour units. If group exceeds the maximum, chaperones may be asked to wait in the lobby to ensure safety and the quality of the students' visit.

60-Minute Tour

Alabama History Highlights



OVERVIEW: On this always-popular tour, discover Alabama's story through the artifacts, images, & documents in the *Alabama Voices* exhibit.

GRADE LEVEL/GROUP SIZE: All Grades/Max: 3 Classes (100 people)
(Group size includes chaperones and teachers)

AVAILABILITY: Year Round. Unavailable on Wednesdays in September through January

Fall/Winter (September – January):

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

Spring (February – May):

Monday through Friday at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00,
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes

ITINERARY:

Alabama Voices Exhibit	45 Minutes
Orientation and Transition Time	15 minutes

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60-Minute Tour

Civil War



OVERVIEW: Learn how the Civil War affected all aspects of life in Alabama & how Alabamians responded to the war & Reconstruction.

GRADE LEVEL/GROUP SIZE: Grades 3 – 6, 10-11/Max: 2 Classes (60 people)
(Group size includes chaperones and teachers)

AVAILABILITY: Fall/Winter Only (September – January)
Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes

ITINERARY:

Part 1: Exhibits	25 minutes
Part 2: Classroom Discovery Activity	25 minutes
Orientation and Transition Time	10 minutes



PART 1: EXHIBITS

Explore the Civil War in Alabama from *Secession* to *Reconstruction* with a guide. Learn about the experiences of Alabamians during the war through artifacts & displays in the *Alabama Voices* exhibit.

PART 2: CLASSROOM DISCOVERY ACTIVITY

In a classroom setting, engage touchable items & voices from primary sources such as letters & newspaper articles. Learn how Alabamians' attitudes & experiences on the front lines & at home changed over the course of the war.

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Have Questions?
Want to book a tour?
Call (334) 242-4364
All tours are Free!

60-Minute Tour

The First Alabamians

OVERVIEW: Learn about the lifestyles & cultures of the first inhabitants of Alabama through discovery activities & exploration of relevant portions of the museum's exhibits.

GRADE LEVEL/GROUP SIZE: Grades 3 - 6

Max: 2 Classes (60 people)

(Group size includes chaperones and teachers)

AVAILABILITY: Fall/Winter Only (September - January)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes

ITINERARY:

Part 1: Exhibits	25 minutes
Part 2: Classroom Discovery Activities and Hands-On Stations	25 minutes
Orientation and Transition Time	10 minutes

PART 1: EXHIBITS

Explore thousands of years of Native American history on a guided tour through relevant portions of the museum's exhibits. Learn about the relationships between Creek Indians, Europeans, & Americans, & the eventual struggle for the land.

PART 2: CLASSROOM DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES & HANDS-ON STATIONS

Grind corn, use a pump drill, decorate pottery, & learn about trade between Native Americans & Europeans through an artifact touch-it table.

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60-Minute Tour

Marching Toward Freedom

OVERVIEW: Explore the experiences of African Americans in Alabama from the introduction of slavery to the modern Civil Rights Movement through the artifacts, images, documents, dioramas, & other displays in the *Alabama Voices* exhibit.

GRADE LEVEL/GROUP SIZE: Grades 4 – 12

Max: 1 Class (35 people)

(Group size includes chaperones and teachers)

AVAILABILITY: Fall/Winter Only (September – January)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes

ITINERARY:

Part 1: Exhibits	25 Minutes
Part 2: Primary Source Activities	25 Minutes
Orientation and Transition Time	10 minutes

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60-Minute Tour

Then & Now

→ **IDEAL FOR YOUNGER VISITORS!** ←



OVERVIEW: Learn about famous Alabamians & how life has changed in our state through discovery activities & old-fashioned games.

GRADE LEVEL/GROUP SIZE: Grades K – 4
Max: 1 Class (35 People)
(Group size includes chaperones and teachers)

AVAILABILITY:

Summer (June – August)

Fall/Winter (September – January)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00

TOUR LENGTH: 60 minutes

ITINERARY:

Classroom Discovery Activities
Orientation and Transition Time

50 minutes
10 minutes

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90-Minute Tour

Alabama Moments in American History

→ **PERFECT FOR 5TH, 6TH, 10TH, & 11TH GRADE U.S. HISTORY CLASSES!** ←



OVERVIEW: Discover how events & people in Alabama are linked to national history through a discovery activity in the classroom & targeted examination of key events & artifacts in the *Alabama Voices* exhibit.

GRADE LEVEL/GROUP SIZE: Grades 5 – 6 or 7–12

Max: 1 Class (35 People)

(Group size includes chaperones and teachers)

AVAILABILITY: Fall/Winter Only (September – January)

Wednesdays at 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, & 1:30

TOUR LENGTH: 90 minutes

ITINERARY:

Part 1: <i>Alabama Voices</i> Exhibit	45 minutes
Part 2: Classroom Discovery Activity	25 minutes
Orientation and Transition Time	10 minutes

PART 1: ALABAMA VOICES EXHIBIT

Explore the *Alabama Voices* exhibit with a guide & learn how Alabamians experienced & influenced national events: Indian removal & westward expansion, Civil War, Great Depression/New Deal, WWI & WWII, Civil Rights Movement, & the Space Race.

PART 2: CLASSROOM DISCOVERY ACTIVITY

Discover links between Alabama & national events using primary-source photographs and documents. (Activities will be adjusted based on grade level.)

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90-Minute Tour

Museum Explorer



OVERVIEW: A comprehensive overview of Alabama history through an exhibit-based tour of the Museum of Alabama.

GRADE LEVEL/GROUP SIZE: All Grades/Max: 1 Class (35 people)
(Group size includes chaperones and teachers)

AVAILABILITY: Fall/Winter Only (September – January)
Wednesdays at 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, & 1:30

TIME: 90 minutes

ITINERARY:

*Alabama Voices Exhibit,
First Alabamians Exhibit, &
Alabamians in the Great War Exhibit*
Orientation and Transition Time

80 minutes

10 minutes

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Tour Guidelines

Cancellations/Late Arrivals:

If you need to cancel or will arrive late for your scheduled tour, call (334) 242-4364 as soon as possible. Reservations are held for 15 minutes.

Loading Zone/Parking:

Unload & load buses on Bainbridge St. at the corner of Bainbridge & Washington Ave. This is a safe loading zone ONLY. Park buses & cars in the Alabama Department of Archives & History's free parking lot located directly behind the building on Adams Ave.

Arrival:

All tour groups should enter the front of the building (Washington Avenue entrance). Docent(s) will meet your group at this entrance. Large groups will be split into smaller tour units.

Tour Time:

Your scheduled time slot includes orientation, exhibit tour, & transition time. The actual time spent in the museum exhibits will be less than your scheduled time slot. Restroom breaks & late arrivals will decrease the amount of time available on the tour.

Photographs:

Staff often take photographs of tour groups for publicity & promotional purposes. If your group has individuals who are not permitted to have their photograph taken, please inform the staff upon arrival. Photography of the museum exhibits is allowed without flash.

Restrooms:

Restroom time is NOT included in your tour time. If your group will need to use the restroom, please inform the staff upon arrival.

Lunch/Snack Options:

Food & drink is prohibited inside the museum. We do not have indoor lunch facilities, but encourage groups to picnic on our front terrace & lawn. Twelve picnic tables are available on our terrace.

Museum Store:

We welcome groups to shop before or after their scheduled tour time. If you would like to visit the Museum Store, please inform our staff upon arrival.



Traveling Resources

Trekking Through History

Traveling Backpacks

Our traveling backpacks are a great way to engage your students & enhance the classroom learning experience. Backpacks are available in different themes of Alabama history & correspond with *Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies*. Each backpack arrives filled with touch-its, activity sheets, primary sources, games, & multi-media resources.

BACKPACK THEMES:

- Southeastern Indians
- Archaeology
- Statehood
- Cotton
- Civil War
- Civil Rights
- Flight & Space
- World War I



Southeastern Indian Traveling Trunks

This fun & interactive teaching kit was developed in collaboration with Alabama teachers. It includes artifact reproductions, books, maps, activity sheets, lesson plans, & other multi-media resources to help students learn about the lives, culture, & experience of Southeastern Indians.



Traveling Backpacks & Trunks are available on loan for one week from Friday to Friday. Cost is \$ 10 for backpacks & \$ 50 for trunks. To reserve your Backpack or Trunk, visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

Teacher Resources:

Visit www.archives.alabama.gov
for more great Alabama history
resources like these:

- Teacher-created Alabama history lesson plans using documents, photographs, & other primary sources.
- Virtual field trips through Alabama Digital Learning.
- History at Home crafts & activities that incorporate historic & seasonal themes.
- Large selection of activities & worksheets to enhance your field trip & the classroom learning experience.
- Sign up for our emails to stay informed about special events, new exhibits & resources, teacher workshops, & more!

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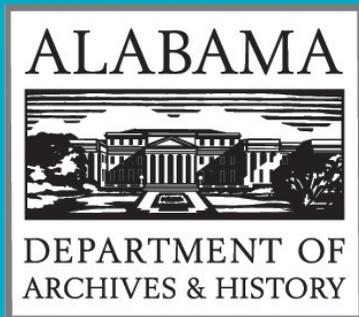
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