

Summer Self-Guided Visit FAQs

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT OF MY SUMMER SELF-GUIDED VISIT?

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens offers self-guided visits that allow students to explore original works of art and the historic gardens at their own pace. Art Connections, the Museum's interactive gallery, has recently reopened following a COVID-friendly refresh to minimize touchpoints and provide a more socially distant space, while providing opportunities for close-looking and artful thinking. Visitors can practice these throughout the galleries and gardens to make deeper, more meaningful connections to the artworks.

These skills and practices are also echoed in our scavenger hunts that are available for self-guided visits, which can be used to help navigate your groups through the Museum.

Please note that during your visit at the Museum some nudity will be visible as it is part of general art history. Also, the human form has and continues to be important in artistic instruction.

DO YOU HAVE MATERIALS TO HELP ME PREPARE MY STUDENTS FOR OUR VISIT?

Before your visit, please review with students the following museum etiquette:

- Please do not touch the works of art in the galleries as it can damage them.
- Always use walking feet.
- Inside voices (voice level 2) will make sure all visitors to the Museum have a good visit.
- No food, drink, or candy is allowed in the galleries, but can be checked in with a staff member if brought into the Museum.
- Always listen and follow directions from your teacher and Museum staff.

WHAT IF THE DATE, TIME, OR NUMBER OF CHILDREN I HAVE BOOKED CHANGES?

Please email schooltours@cummuseum.org if anything changes from your booking form. We can look to reschedule your group if needed.

WHAT TIME IS MY TOUR AND WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE AT THE MUSEUM?

Groups should arrive at their confirmed time of arrival listed in your correspondence with Museum staff. Self-guided visits are not required to arrive early.

WHERE DO I UNLOAD MY STUDENTS AND WHERE DO I PARK?

Buses, vans, and cars can drop children off at the north end of the Museum at the Education entrance under the grey awning. After unloading, cars and passenger vans can park in the main Museum parking lot on Riverside Avenue. The Museum does not have dedicated, onsite parking for buses. Buses can park in the public parking lot under the Fuller Warren Bridge or on nearby streets.

WILL I NEED TO DIVIDE MY CLASS OR GROUP?

Due to current gallery capacities, you will split your group into groups of ten or fewer. Each group is required to have a chaperone.

WHEN AND WHERE DO I PAY FOR MY TOUR?

Upon arrival, the Visitor Experience team member at the admissions desk inside the Education Entrance will check your group in and update your final numbers. Payment for the tour can be processed at this time. Alternatively, you can request to be invoiced after the tour. If chaperones need to pay individually, please advise them that a member of our Education team will let them know when and where to pay on the day of your visit.

DOES THE MUSEUM HAVE A PICNIC AREA?

The Museum does not have picnic or lunch facilities; however, two local parks are nearby. Riverside Park is located on the corner of Margaret and Park Streets and has picnic tables and a playground. Memorial Park is on Riverside Avenue, about a half-mile south of the Museum and is on the river. Neither park has public restrooms. An amphitheater-style space is available under the Fuller Warren Bridge, located within walking distance to the north of the Museum.

CAN I TAKE MY STUDENTS TO THE CUMMER SHOP?

Children are welcome at the Cummer Shop and must be accompanied by leaders or chaperones.

Still have questions? Email schooltours@cummuseum.org.

