



William S. Hart Museum

School Tours - Guidelines and Information

Thank you for your tour reservation with the William S. Hart Museum! We ask that you read all the information included below so that you are able to contact us with any questions prior to your visit.

Tour

The Hart Museum offers free 30-minute guided tours through the former residence of William S. Hart, the famed silent film star, which exhibits his personal collection of furnishings and effects, collections of artwork by Charles M. Russell and Frederic Remington, and artifacts representing various Native American nations.

And the Hart is a perfect venue for all ages! With its unique collection of historic artifacts, the Hart can connect elementary school students with concepts they are learning in their classroom curriculum, including:



Pre-K through 1st Grade

Students are introduced to the concept of comparing their modern-day lives with lives in the past. How did somebody live 100 years ago? How is it the same or different from our lives today?

2nd Grade through 4th Grade

Students are introduced to the local history of the Santa Clarita Valley, with emphasis placed on the people who lived here before Bill Hart, including the Native Americans and the Mexican ranchers. The students also take a closer look at daily life in the past. What kinds of tools and resources were available to the people who came before us?

5th Grade

Students are introduced to the entertainment industry and Bill Hart's place in the history of filmmaking. They are also briefly introduced to famous personalities like Amelia Earhart and James Montgomery Flagg – personal friends of Hart – and daily life in the past is also reinforced.

Location

The Hart Museum is located atop the hill within William S. Hart Park. Our address is 24151 Newhall Avenue, Newhall, CA 91321.

Bus Parking

As you enter William S. Hart Park, please make an immediate left. There are large parking spaces available for buses in front of Hart Hall (refer to map). Buses must park in designated areas or they will be cited. Please plan to leave lunches on the bus.

Restrooms

There is only one set of restrooms behind the Hart Museum at the top of the hill. We suggest using the public restrooms near the Ranch House (refer to map) before proceeding up the hill to tour the Museum. No restroom facilities are available inside the Museum.

Walk up to the Museum

The Hart Museum (also known as the Mansion) is at the top of a hill in Hart Park. The Museum asks that all schools park their buses in the available parking lots near the entry to the Park and then walk up the hill to the Mansion itself. There are two pathways that will bring you to the Mansion – one is a paved service road and one is a nature hiking trail. Each route can take from 10 – 20 minutes to walk to reach the Museum. If anyone in your group does not feel comfortable walking up the hill to the Museum, please contact the Museum staff before the date of your visit so we can arrange for members of your party to drive up the service road. You will need authorization from the Museum staff to drive on the service road, so please call in advance.



Tour Entrance

Please wait for the tour guide at the front door of the Museum with students in two parallel lines before entering at your designated tour time. Please do not knock on the door. Your guide will come out to meet you at the start of each tour. Only one elementary school class is admitted per tour, (or 20 – 25 students in cases where students are not organized according to classroom).

Tour Times

Listed below are the confirmed times for your tours on the date of your visit. Please ensure your class(es) arrive at the Museum's front door at least 5 to 10 minutes before the start of each tour time so the Museum can stay on schedule, and guarantee that all students have the same enjoyable experience. More than one school is often scheduled to visit the Museum on the same day, so please keep your tour schedule in mind when planning your field trip. It is recommended the school plan on arriving in Hart Park at least 30 minutes before the start of the first tour to grant enough time to park, disembark from the buses, hike up the hill, and take any necessary bathroom breaks.



Museum Manners

The behavior management of the class is the responsibility of the visiting teacher. We require an adult to student ratio of 1 to 10.

Food Services

There are no food services available in Hart Park or the Museum. However, Hart Park is located across Newhall Avenue from Old Town Newhall, a charming historic town which offers a variety of restaurants and eateries.

Lunches

Plan to leave lunches on the bus as inside accommodations are not available. You are welcome to enjoy the picnic area in the lower region of the Park. Please note tables are available on a first come basis, and

occasionally the Picnic Area is reserved for special events. If you have questions about accessing or using the Picnic Area on the day of your visit, please call the Hart Park Office at (661) 259-0855.

Tour Guidelines

The guided tour of the Hart home is completely free and asks that ALL guests (including adult chaperones) abide by the following guidelines. Please do not bring any open containers of food or drinks inside. Please do not chew gum or eat candy while on the tour. We ask all guests to silence their cell phones or other electronic devices as the ringtones may disrupt the tour. Photography is permitted but no flash or tripods allowed. Strollers are not allowed inside. Only service animals are permitted inside on the tour.

Please do not touch **anything** inside the Mansion, including the walls, furniture, appliances, countertops, and the artifacts (paintings, objects, pictures, etc...). The William S. Hart Museum strives to preserve Bill Hart's legacy and his amazing collection of artwork and artifacts – you can help with that preservation by making sure you do not touch anything inside the home on the day of your visit.

We also ask all guests to remain with their guide at all times – please do not wander into any rooms or hallways without permission from the guide.

Other Things to See

There are many amenities inside Hart Park that you and your students may visit before and after your Museum Tour. Please inform your class when exploring Hart Park that they must stay on the designated trails and no sliding or running down hills.

The Ranch House

Built in 1910, the Ranch House is one of the original buildings on the property and is now a self-guided exhibition space located in the lower region of Hart Park. Please have an adult with the students when entering. No food or drink is allowed in the building.



Animal Barnyard

Hart Park's Animal Barnyard includes a variety of livestock animals the students can see. Small packets of feed pellets can be purchased for \$0.50 from the Trading Post Gift Store (see below), and students are encouraged to use caution when feeding the animals. Please note that if any member of a visiting school is seen abusing the animals in any way, **THE ENTIRE SCHOOL WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PARK.**

American Bison

A herd of American Bison also lives in Hart Park. The original herd was donated by the Walt Disney Studios in 1962, and now the descendants can be seen from the paved roadway leading to the Museum.



The Friends of Hart Park Gift Store

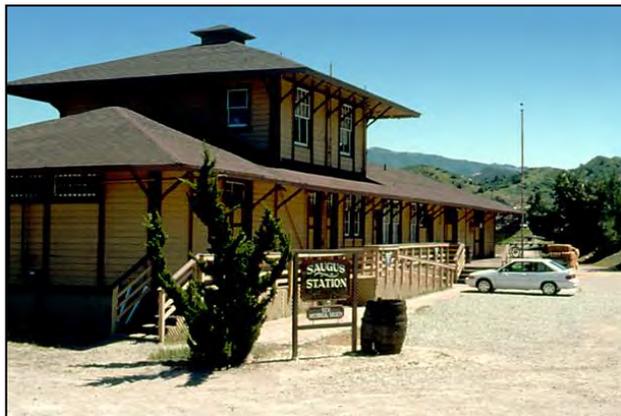
The charming Trading Post Gift Store has something for everyone, including animal feed for the animals in the Animal Barnyard! If you wish to visit the Gift Store, **please notify the Museum so we can attempt to schedule volunteers** to open the store for your visit. If you are interested in pre-ordering packets of animal feed for

the Barnyard, please notify the Museum staff so they can request the packets from the Gift Store. They will be bagged and ready for you to pick up on the date of your visit *if you request them in advance*.

Heritage Junction

Lastly, we encourage you to walk to Heritage Junction to see a collection of historic buildings and an old steam locomotive! You can also schedule a tour of this historic site by contacting Barbara Martinelli, Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society Visits Coordinator, at (661) 259-7207.

If you have any questions about your reservation, you can contact the Museum via phone at (661) 254-4584 or via email at mbertram@nhm.org. Thank you again for your reservation with the William S. Hart Museum!



School Reservation Information:

School Name: Learn Beyond the Book Homeschool

Tour Date: March 11, 2016 (Friday)

Tour Times: 11:00am