



AGASSIZ-HARRISON MUSEUM

STEP - BY - STEP WALKTHROUGH

Everything you can expect of a day at the
Agassiz-Harrison Museum

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EXPLORE LOCAL HISTORY

Here at the Agassiz-Harrison Museum, we want to ensure that our museum is an accessible and welcoming place for all, because history is for everyone. This guide will walk you through every step of your experience at the museum, noting any accessibility concerns or considerations along the way.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How much does admission cost?:** The museum is free to enter. You may make a donation if you'd like, but it's not required.
- **When are you open?:** Our summer hours (starts May long weekend, ends on Thanksgiving day) are 10:00am - 4:00pm everyday.
The rest of the year, we're open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Wednesday - Saturday. We're closed for Remembrance day, Christmas, and New Years.
- **How much is parking?:** Parking is free.

SEATING

Seating is provided throughout our museum and along the boardwalk outside.



ARRIVAL

Our parking lot has 12 parking stalls, with two of those being accessible parking spots.



ARRIVAL

Upon arriving at the museum's parking lot, you'll find two walkways up to the building's entrance. On the far left is our wheelchair accessible ramp entrance, and on our far right is our stairs entrance.





Please be aware that some parts of the walkway are gravel.





Passing Trains

Sensory Consideration

The Agassiz-Harrison Museum used to be an operating train station. Because of this, it stands right in front of a rail line that's still in operation.

These trains can be very loud and sometimes travel very fast. Those with sound sensitivities may wish to wear ear protection when a train is passing.

Inside the museum you can still hear the sound of the train and the bells from the train signal - though its much quieter.

The train may sometimes gently rattle the building as its passing by. Usually, a train passes through the area at least once every half an hour.

The Caboose



On the outside of our museum, in front of the parking lot, you'll find the Caboose. Our Caboose is a real vintage train car that can be explored on the inside and out. There is lots of interesting information and items inside that explain the Caboose's history.



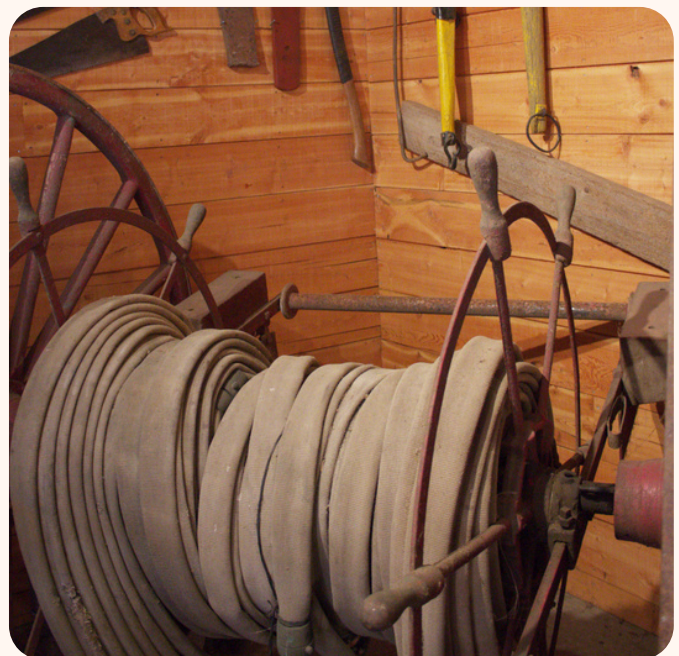
There is a small gap between the ground and the Caboose's stairs. The stairs have railings on each side that can be held onto. The grated metal stairs and the grated metal floor leading into the Caboose are uneven, those with mobility concerns may want to traverse the stairs slowly and carefully, using the railing at all times.

The Barn



Beside the Caboose, on the outside of the museum, is our exhibit "The Barn". The Barn is a building which cannot be explored inside, but you can peer into it through fencing.

The barn details the history of farming in the Agassiz/Harrison Mills area, showcasing important historic farming tools, and other interesting artifacts from the past.





Now let's head inside!

Entering the Museum

There is a bell attached to the entrance door of the museum, which may ring loudly when you walk in.

Don't worry about making too much noise or disrupting the staff, we're all used to the bell and it doesn't bother us.

If the sound is a concern, opening the door slowly can prevent the bell from ringing as loud.



When entering the museum lobby, you'll most likely be greeted by two of our volunteers.

They'll say hello and may ask you some questions, such as:

"Is this your first time visiting the museum?"

"Where are you coming from/where are you travelling from?"

"Can we help you with anything today?"

If you're not comfortable interacting, that's okay! If you're travelling with a friend or guardian, they can interact with our greeters instead.

The Lobby



The lobby is a gathering space, so there might be some other visitors chatting with the volunteers, looking at pamphlets and exhibitions, or browsing the giftshop.

If there's multiple people in the lobby at the same time, the space can sometimes get loud and crowded, though it's usually quiet.

The Giftshop

Attached to our main lobby is the gift shop - it has lots of interesting items for sale. You can wait by the desk when you're ready to pay, or you or your friend/guardian can let a volunteer know that you're ready.



Washrooms, Water, and Food

In the hall on the left side of the lobby's back wall are two gender-neutral accessible washrooms. One of our washrooms has a baby changing table.

If you turn left immediately after entering the main gallery and follow the wall (the one with the bench) towards the back of the room, you'll find a small area with a water dispenser. Cups can be found on the shelf to the right.

There's no food that can be purchased in our museum, but there's a bakery (Cabin Fever Junction) directly across the street. There's also a restaurant (The Broken Whisk), a Subway, an A&W, and The Corner Cafe, all within walking distance.

Washrooms



Water



Exhibits

As you exit the lobby and enter our main gallery, you'll see multiple different exhibits and displays. We do not allow food in our gallery, and any drinks brought into our gallery must be covered.

Some of the artifacts in our museum are stored in glass cases or kept in closed off areas, but not all of them. Even if an item isn't behind glass or behind a partition, please do not touch any of the artifacts.

We do have two displays that we encourage our visitors to touch. One is a table in the middle of the room marked with a sign reading "Table of Curiosities". The other is a table in our Doukhobor exhibit with books that can be flipped through.

Exhibits



Station Master's Office

The first exhibit you'll encounter upon entering the museum is the station master's office, where the station master would've worked when the museum was still an operating train station. The station is gated off and can't be explored, but it can be looked at.

Main Gallery



Our main gallery has many different displays and exhibitions, keep reading to see all of the displays and exhibits we have in our main gallery.

Exhibits

These are the exhibits and displays featured in our main gallery.



**The Agassiz-Harrison
Military**



**Baseball League and Golf
Champions**



**The Agassiz Experimental
Farm**



**Norman Morrow's Horse
Tack**

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Stó:lō: People of the River



**The St. Alice Hotel & the
Harrison Hot Springs Hotel**



The Agassiz Legacy



Logging! Boom! ...Bust

Exhibits

These are the exhibits and displays featured in our main gallery.



Geology, Fossils, and Stone Tools



Agassiz Monday Painters

Exhibits



The Table of Curiosities

Experience a hands-on history lesson with our table of curiosities! We fully encourage you to play with these fascinating items from the past. This is one of the few displays in our museum that you can touch.

West-Wing Gallery



Our west-wing gallery is an off shoot of our main gallery. It holds our featured exhibition, and towards the back of the gallery we have a display of various interesting items from the past, and artifacts from Dr.McCaffery, an important figure in Agassiz's history.

Exhibits

These are the exhibits and displays featured in our west wing gallery.



Items from the past & history of Dr. McCaffery

This exhibit displays multiple different items from the past including an antique stove, piano, cash register, sewing machine, and more. It also displays medical equipment used by Agassiz's Dr. McCaffery

THIS CONCLUDES YOUR WALKTHROUGH

At the Agassiz Harrison Museum

We hope this walkthrough made you feel prepared and excited to explore our museum. If you have any questions that weren't answered by this walkthrough, please contact us.

We want to make sure your experience here is as comfortable and accessible as possible.

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