

Group Visits

Reserving Your Group Tour:

Private group tours are offered daily for groups of 10 or more people. Reservations should be made at least three weeks in advance by contacting Cynthia Riccio, at criccio@wdsmuseum.org or 860-529-0612 x 103. Please note that the Museum is close to Interstate 91 and offers parking for large tour buses. Only the first floor of the Joseph Webb House is wheelchair accessible. Please allow your group ample time to explore the Museum Shop, which offers locally crafted gifts, books, jewelry, children's items, and much more.

Rates:

Group Tour Rate: \$15 per person

Group Tour with Reception: \$20 per person (includes CT Sales tax)

Group Tour with Luncheon: \$30 per person (includes CT Sales tax)

The Museum Tour:

The tour, led by a knowledgeable guide/teacher, includes three restored historic houses: the 1752 Joseph Webb House, where General George Washington and French General Rochambeau planned the joint military campaign that led to the victory at Yorktown, Virginia, and the end of the American Revolutionary War; the 1770 Silas Deane House, built for America's first diplomat to France; and the 1788 Isaac Stevens House, which depicts family life in the 18th and 19th centuries. Arrangements can also be made to visit the nearby Ancient Burying Ground and/or the Buttolph-Williams House (c.1711), which served as the setting for Elizabeth George Speare's classic novel for young adults, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*.

In the spring and early summer, make time to visit our Colonial Revival Garden. Designed in 1921 by Amy Cogswell, one of the nation's first female landscape architects, this horticultural delight includes classical elements, quaint arbors, and a beautiful array of old-fashioned flowers. In September and October, it's hard to beat the splendor of autumn in Connecticut. Visitors will delight in the season's natural beauty with scarecrows lining Main Street.

Choices:

Group Tour with Reception: Designed for morning or afternoon tours, this option includes a selection of Cove Deli's made-from-scratch cookies and either homemade lemonade in the spring and summer or apple cider in the fall and winter, as well as bottled water.

Luncheon Group Tour: This option includes a boxed lunch from Cove Deli. Your luncheon will be attractively presented in either the rustic Webb Barn or the orientation room of the historic Joseph Webb House, depending on availability. Boxed lunches include a delicious choice of sandwiches: roast beef, roast turkey, or chicken salad; pasta salad with fresh, steamed seasonal vegetables; a made-from-scratch brownie; bottled water; and either homemade lemonade or apple cider, depending on the season.