

## DIRECTIONS TO THE WELLS FARGO HISTORY MUSEUM

The Wells Fargo History Museum is located on the Skyway level of the Wells Fargo Center at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Marquette Avenue in downtown Minneapolis. Our phone number is 612/667-4210.

**Buses should drop off guests at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the Wells Fargo Center.** There is a portion of the curb reserved for drop offs, across from the Marquette Hotel. Do not drop off on 6<sup>th</sup> Street or Marquette. A member of the museum staff will meet you five minutes prior to your scheduled start time.

Directions to the Wells Fargo Center are as follows:

**From the north:** Interstate 94 to the 4<sup>th</sup> St. exit. Proceed east on 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Turn right (south) at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and proceed to 7<sup>th</sup> St. Turn right (west) at 7<sup>th</sup> St. and proceed to the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Marquette.

**From the south:** Interstate 35W to the downtown exit (11<sup>th</sup> St.), veer onto 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. which will continue north (this is now a one-way street going north). Turn left (west) at 7<sup>th</sup> St. and proceed to the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Marquette.

**From the west:** Interstate 394 into downtown Minneapolis (4<sup>th</sup> St.). Proceed east on 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Turn right (south) on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and proceed to 7<sup>th</sup> St. Go right (west) on 7<sup>th</sup> St. and proceed to the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Marquette.

**From the east:** Interstate 94 to the downtown exit noted as 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Go right (north) on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and proceed to 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left (west) on 7<sup>th</sup> St. and proceed to the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Marquette.

Parking is not available at the Wells Fargo Center itself. Parking downtown is available for a fee at a number of locations.

School bus parking is available for a fee:

B Ramp, 516 2nd Ave. N., 612/339-2003

Make reservations in advance

Ramp Office located on Skyway Level Lobby

Vehicle Entry on: I-394 | 5th St

<http://www.abc-ramps.com/rampB.htm>

Car and Van Parking is available at many locations, including the following ramps:

NorthStar – 612/333-6127 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and 7<sup>th</sup> St.

IDS Tower – 612/338-7032 - enter from Marquette between 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Radisson 612/332-8707

City Center 612/372-1634

Radisson Plaza 612/337-9784 – 7<sup>th</sup> St. between Nicollet and Hennepin.

Gaviidae Common 612/372-1622 – Valet. 6<sup>th</sup> St. between Marquette and Nicollet.

Bus service is available via Metro Transit, 612/373-3333 or [www.metrotransit.com](http://www.metrotransit.com).

Light rail service is also available via Metro Transit. Exit at the Nicollet Mall Station and walk two blocks West to Marquette Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> St.

This is a brief outline of the material presented to students when they visit the Wells Fargo History Museum. The focus is on information and activities that will help to achieve Minnesota Social Studies curriculum standards while at the same time providing a fun and memorable field trip experience.

**I. Students learn about the Gold Rush - a cause of settlement of the American West.**

- a. An event that launched migration and formed new communities.
- b. Gold Fever! Separation of families; would you go?
- c. Communication and transportation difficulties in the 1850's.
- d. Geography; distance to CA.
- e. Activity: Outfit a miner.

**II. Students compare and contrast major forms of 19<sup>th</sup> century transportation and learn how Wells Fargo used the stagecoach to connect communities.**

- a. Introduce the stagecoach and compare alternate modes of transportation.
- b. Discuss the way in which the stagecoach provided a communication link, speedy transportation, and carried money, mail, and people.
- c. Examine travel conditions aboard a stagecoach.
- d. Activity: "Packing Your Trunk."

**III. Students participate in a stagecoach ride.**

- a. Review a facsimile of a primary source (stagecoach ticket) that must be presented to ride the stagecoach.
- b. Activity: Climb aboard the replica Concord stagecoach for a ride that simulates the motion of a real "cradle on wheels."

**IV. Students explore the museum.**

- a. Activity: A scavenger hunt in the museum to find inventions that were the result of needs and challenges of settlers of the West.

## **PLEASE BE AWARE**

Your tour of the Wells Fargo History Museum will take place on the first floor and the Skyway level (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) of the Wells Fargo Center. There is an escalator for your travel between the two floors. An elevator is also available for limited use.

*PLEASE ADVISE YOUR STUDENTS TO STAND STILL AND FACE FORWARD ON THE ESCALATOR AS IT CARRIES THEM BETWEEN FLOORS, AND HELP THEM TO BOARD AND EXIT SAFELY.*

## **MUSEUM SAFETY**

*MUSEUMS OFFER A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, AND WE WELCOME THE CHANCE TO AID IN THIS PROCESS. IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHERS, HOWEVER, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO REVIEW THESE GUIDELINES WITH YOUR CLASS BEFORE COMING TO THE MUSEUM.*

Quiet Voices. The museum is part of a bank where business is being conducted. As a courtesy to your classmates, as well as bank customers, only one person should be speaking at a time. You may ask questions by raising your hand and waiting to be called on by the interpreter or your teacher.

No Rough Housing or Horse Play. Please walk while in the museum. Running, pushing, shoving, and kicking is not allowed.

Stay Together as a Group. The museum is small, but it is important that the group stay together.

Respect the Artifacts. Many items in the museum may be touched, such as the telephone and the telegraph. However, please respect the items so that they are available for other visitors to use.

We recommend classes bring one chaperone per 10 students. It is our hope that chaperones will assist in ensuring students follow the preceding rules.