

Participating Museums

To begin your Museum Adventure, visit your local public library to check out a pass. Passes are restricted to registered borrowers of each library.

Admission offers vary per museum, and are included with each listing below.

Air Classic Inc. Museum of Aviation

Get up close and personal with an A-7E Corsair II Navy Attack Bomber, combat veteran from Desert Storm that flew from the deck of the USS John F. Kennedy. Be the pilot of a Huey helicopter of Viet Nam fame.

44W546 US Route 30 Sugar Grove IL, 60554-9886

Hours: Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Admits one person (Senior, Adult or Child) free with one paid adult admission Saturday and Sunday only, plus 10% off in gift shop. One Pass per family/group.

Closed during the winter!

Aurora Regional Fire Museum

Located in Aurora's Old Central Fire Station, the museum features a variety of hands-on exhibits about the history of firefighting, a Children's Discovery Room, and the Hayloft Theater.

53 N. Broadway Aurora Illinois, 60505

Hours: Thursday and Friday, Noon to 4pm --- Saturday, 10am to 4pm

Buy one admission, get one free (equal or lesser value)

Beth Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County

As principal guardian of Lake County's open space and natural areas since 1958, we set the standard in nature and historic preservation, and in outdoor recreation and education.

1899 West Winchester Road Libertyville Illinois, 60048

Hours: Tuesday–Saturday * 10 am–5 pm Sundays 12–5 pm Mondays Closed * Open until 8 pm on the first and third Thursdays of every month with free admission after 5 pm.

General Admission \$6 Adults \$3 Seniors ages 62 and better \$3 Youth ages 4–17 (limit 10 youth per adult), students ages 18–25 (with proper identification). Free Children ages 3 and under

Discount Tuesdays \$3 Adults \$1.50 Seniors ages 62 and better \$1.50 Youth ages 4–17 (with five to 10 youth per adult) Free Youth ages 4–17 (limit four youth per adult), students ages 18–25 (with proper identification) Free Children ages 3 and under

Bronzeville Children's Museum

First and only African American children's museum in the nation.

9301 South Stony Island Avenue Chicago IL, 60617

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm (Hourly guided interactive tours for children ages 3-9. Tour hours are 10, 11, 12, 1, and last tour is at 2:00 pm) CLOSED: Sunday and Monday for Special Events

Admits 2 (Buy one, get one free. Limit is two admissions per family)

Brookfield Zoo (Chicago Zoological Society)

A world leader in animal care, conservation, and education, Brookfield Zoo is celebrating 75 years of fun this year!

First Ave. and 31st St. Brookfield IL, 60513

Hours: Open Daily 10 to 5.

Admits 2 (Passes are valid for Brookfield Zoo only and does not include parking or admission to any internal exhibits or attractions, such as Dolphin Show, Butterflies!, Children's Zoo, Temporary exhibits, Motor Safari, etc.)

Cantigny Park

In addition to vast formal gardens and picnic and camping grounds, Cantigny offers two history-rich museums: the Robert R. McCormick Museum and the Cantigny First Division Museum, fascinating for children and researchers alike.

1S151 Winfield Road Wheaton IL, 60189

Hours: 10am - 5pm (May-October); 10am - 4pm (November-April) NOTE: WINTER HOURS. *CLOSED - ALL of January and Monday-Thursday in February. Also closed - November 27, 28, December 24, 25 and 31.

Admits 1 vehicle - Limited to one car per use.

Cernan Earth and Space Center at Triton College

Explore the stars and planets visible in Earth's night sky or travel to the edge of the Universe. Visit triton.edu/Cernan for schedules, previews, pricing, Star Store hours, laser shows, membership, and more.

2000 5th Ave North River Grove Illinois, 60171

Hours: M-F 9:30 am to 4 pm; Saturday 6:30 to 9:30 pm; Sunday 1:30 to 4 pm – program schedule changes throughout the year. 52 weeks a year; visit www.triton.edu/Cernan for the most current schedule. Open some holidays but not all.

Purchase one planetarium ticket, get one adult or two children/senior planetarium tickets free.

Chicago Botanic Garden

With its world-renowned plant collections and displays, it is one of the country's most visited public gardens and preeminent center for learning and scientific research.

1000 Lake Cook Road Glencoe IL, 60022

Hours: 8 am - sunset, everyday. Extended hours early June - Labor Day 7 am to 9 pm. Christmas Eve - close at 3pm.

Admits 1 car at 50% off per pass

Children's Museum in Oak Lawn

5100 Museum Drive Oak Lawn IL, 60453

Hours: Tues - Sat: 9:30am to 5:00pm Sunday: 12:00pm to 5:00pm Evenings: 2nd and 4th Friday until 8:00pm CLOSED: Mondays, Major Holidays and September 8-12, 2014 for cleaning and maintenance

Pay for one adult and the child gets in free. If additional people are with you, each of them pay the regular admission price. Limit 1

Elgin History Museum

Housed in an 1856 landmark building and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The museum brings to life Elgin's rich heritage.

360 Park Street Elgin IL, 60120

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 12-4 p.m. (Now open year-round) CLOSED: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Admits 4

Elgin Public Museum

Offers exhibits and educational programs with natural history and cultural themes for families, school groups, scouts, clubs, organizations, homeschoolers, and anyone who wants to have fun while learning!

225 Grand Boulevard Elgin IL, 60120

Hours: CLOSED: ALL of January. Starting February- May 25th - Open Saturday & Sunday Noon - 4 pm. Summer Hours (May 26th thru Labor Day: Tuesday thru Sunday, 12 to 4pm. Fall, and Winter Hours: Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 4pm;

10% Discount on all museum store purchases

Illinois Railway Museum

America's largest railway museum, featuring many pieces of historic railway equipment on display, and regular operation on our demonstration railroad.

7000 Olson Rd (Mailing: PO Box 427) Union IL, 60180

Hours: Check the website for current hours and programs. https://www.irm.org/
Blackout Dates - Day Out With Thomas™

2 free passes with the purchase of 2, or 1 free pass with the purchase of 1

KidsWork Children's Museum

KidsWork Children's Museum is a cultural institution that brings children, families, and the community together to engage in fun, hands-on interactive play so as to nurture life-long learning and discovery.

11 South White Street Frankfort Illinois, 60423

Hours: Open Year Round Sept-May: T W Th F 9am-3pm Sat 9am-4pm Sun 11am-4pm June-Aug also M 9am-3pm

Buy one admission, get one free.

Legoland Discovery Center

Your passport to a LEGO® world of color, creativity and fun. Attractions include; Miniland, Jungle Expedition, Kingdom Quest Laser Ride, Merlin's Apprentice Ride, LEGO Factory Tour, 4D Cinema, LEGO City Construction Site, Model Builder Workshop, Build and Test area and more! All attractions are included in general admission price.

601 N Martingale Rd #130 Schaumburg IL, 60173

Hours: Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 7pm (last ticket sold at 5pm) Mon – Fri 12pm – 7pm (last ticket sold at 5pm)

Admits one person (Senior, Adult or Child) free with one paid admission at the door. Individual Door Price Ticket: \$18.00. Children 2 and under are free. Adults MUST be accompanied by a child of suitable age...the Center is geared toward families with children 3-10 years old.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

People of all ages enjoy this exceptional museum dedicated to sharing with others the beauty of gemstones and promoting the study of earth science. The museum houses a large collection of Chinese jade and other hard-stone carvings. Other displays include animal dioramas, mineral specimens, gemstones and geologic phenomena. Free parking is available.

220 Cottage Hill Avenue Elmhurst IL, 60126

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Mondays and Major Holidays

1/2 off admission passes for General Museum Admission Only -Discount not available on Fridays.

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian is one of only a handful of museums across the country that focuses exclusively on the art, history, and culture of Native American and First Nation peoples from throughout the United States and Canada. It promotes public understanding of cultural diversity through first voice perspectives.

3001 Central Street Evanston IL, 60201

Hours: T, W, F, Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM; Th. 10 AM to 8 PM; Sun. Noon to 4 PM; Closed Mondays

Admits 2 free for regular museum admission

Naper Settlement

Naper Settlement is a nationally accredited outdoor museum located in downtown Naperville, Illinois. The museum maintains 30 historic buildings on a 12 acre site with over 50,000 objects. Museum staff and volunteers interpret life from the 19th century to today, while wearing period-correct costumes.

523 South Webster Street Naperville IL, 60540

Hours: Winter Hours (Nov-Mar) Tuesday-Fri 10am to 4 pm - Closed Sat, Sun, Mon. Spring, Summer, Fall Hours (Apr-Oct) Tues-Sat 10am to 4pm; Sun 1pm to 4pm - Closed Mon.

1. Buy One Ticket: Get 1 Free; Maximum of Two (2) free tickets per coupon. Free ticket(s) will be lowest value item(s). 2. Valid for General Admission only – April 1 – October 31, 2015 3. Not Valid for special events, or events sponsored on the museum grounds by others with an entry fee.

Oriental Institute Museum

Presents informative and engaging exhibits and programs on ancient Egypt, Nubia, Israel, Iraq, Iran and Turkey. Come to the museum store, the Suq's holiday sale, December 1 - 9! Nonmembers receive 15% off and members receive 20% off entire store.

1155 E. 58th Street Chicago IL, 60637

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday - Sunday: 10 AM - 5 PM; Wednesday: 10 AM - 8:00 PM CLOSED: Mondays, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

One free Kid's i-Pod tour of the Egyptian Gallery per pass. General admission is free (donation suggested).

Pleasant Home Foundation

Pleasant Home is a landmark prairie style house museum, designed in 1897 by George W. Maher. The home is one of the earliest and most distinguished examples of prairie school architecture. Pleasant Home is the only Maher building open to the public as a museum.

217 Home Avenue Oak Park IL, 60302Hours: Tours Thursday through Sunday 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2:30pm or by appointment. CLOSED: Major Holidays

Buy 1, Get 1 free Tour Admission

St. Charles Heritage Museum

Exhibits highlight early settlers, agriculture, industry, education, the Richard's Riot, millionaires and tourism in the Roaring Twenties.

215 E. Main Street St. Charles IL, 60174

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm CLOSED: Sundays (Sept-May), Mondays and Major Holidays

15% discount on visitors entire gift shop purchase with some exclusions.

